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WILMINGTON BACKS HARRIS FOR PRESIDENT

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Nov. 5 has come and gone, and so too have the polls and ballots for the 2024 presidential election. With thanks to the town clerk, the *Town Crier* was able to get its hands on the official results from the ballots cast in Wilmington.

In terms of voter turnout, 14,178 votes were cast in Wilmington, with 6,519 voting on election day and 7,659 participating in early voting. 2,140 of those voters were from Precinct 1, 2,363 from Precinct 2, 2,253 from Precinct 3, 2,458

from Precinct 4, 2,231 from Precinct 5, and 3,115 from Precinct 6. This resulted in voting turnout being at 76 percent for the town.

In the race for president, while she didn't win nationwide, Harris and Walz won in Massachusetts and in Wilmington. The duo received 7,086 votes, beating Trump and Vance's 6,605 votes, Ayyadurai and Ellis' 94 votes, De La Cruz and Garcia's 13 votes, Oliver and Ter Maat's 63 votes, and Stein and Caballero-Roca's 87 votes.

For Senator in Congress, John Deaton beat Elizabeth Warren with 7,153 and 6,628

votes, respectively.

Warren went on to win the election for Senator in Congress state wide.

9,880 votes went to Seth Moulton, who was unopposed in his race to Represent the state in Congress.

The race for Councilor was a close one, with Anne M. Manning just barely beating Eunice Delice and Jody Elliot. Manning received 5,819 votes, Delice received 5,239, and Elliot received 1,482 of the total 12,579 votes.

Barry R Finegold was re-elected Senator in General Court, with 9,522 of the total 9,877 votes heading his way.

For Representative in the General Court, David Allen Robertson beat Paul Sarnowski and George Ferdinand with each candidate receiving 7,201, 5,289 and 588 votes, respectively.

Robertson also won in Tewksbury, the other district he represents.

Michael A. Sullivan was elected Clerk of Courts, receiving 9,603 of the total 9,913 votes.

Karen M. Cassella was elected to Register of Deeds with 9,538 of the total 9,823 votes cast.

Question 1 received 13,318 votes in total, with 9,592 Yes votes and 3,726 No votes.

Question 2 saw 13,895 total votes, with 8,587 Yes votes and 5,308 No votes.

With Question 3, No won with 7,463 votes, with Yes receiving 5,962 votes, totaling 13,425 votes being cast for this question.

For Question 4, 13,712 votes were cast, with 8,420 No votes and 5,292 Yes votes.

For Question 5, 13,783 votes were cast, with 10,138 voting No and 3,645 voting Yes.

As always, gratitude and appreciation is extended to all those who worked tirelessly in this election cycle to man the polls, count the votes, and contribute to the system of voting.

For Wildwood project

Select Board members want to see new OPM lead

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Select Board members suggested that the town ask for a new OPM lead person for the Wildwood MSBA project during discussion of a memo from Town Manager Eric Slagle at their meeting on Oct. 28.

In the memo, Slagle shared that the Wildwood School Building Committee had chosen a new pre-kindergarten through grade five building at the North Intermediate School site as their preferred option as of Oct. 8. He also mentioned that they submitted the preferred option report to the MSBA and received feedback which would be addressed by Oct. 21.

The superintendent, assistant town manager, consultants, and himself would meet with the MSBA Facilities Assessment team on Nov. 13. The WSBC would meet next on Nov. 19 to vote on the preferred method of construction.

Chair Greg Bendel asked about the timeframe for a Town Meeting and ballot box question. Slagle stated that the final design would be submitted to the MSBA for the end of April and voted upon by the MSBA in June. They would hope to have the Town Meeting and ballot question vote between early summer and late fall of 2025, and they were 18 months out from construction.

This was the point where Select Board member Kevin Caira asked about the possibility of the OPM lead contact being removed. He first discussed the project flier that she

was supposed to provide but was actually created by her child.

Slagle confirmed that the town paid \$9,000 for the flier from the town manager's professional services line.

Caira claimed that this money didn't need to be spent. Based on his review of the provided flier and the details of its provision, he stated that he wouldn't want the current OPM project lead to continue for the potential \$240 million school project.

He clarified that he didn't want to see SMMA removed as the OPM but just the project lead provided from SMMA who worked on the flier. He called on the town to make that request.

Bendel asked the town manager to confirm when the OPM contract went until. Slagle replied that the contract goes through the schematic design stage which only ends when the MSBA approves the design. He suggested that may be in April or June of next year.

Bendel also asked who would make that decision. Slagle provided that the town manager is the town's contracting authority, so it would go through himself. If they wanted a new OPM, they would have to go through the selection process to identify a new firm.

He did say that towns often choose a different OPM between schematic design and construction. However, he added that there was a clause in the contract with SMMA allowing the town to request a change in a member of key personnel on the project.

Bendel said that he appreciated the feedback and he tended to agree with Caira's sentiment.

Caira stated that he'd like to see the personnel change made now, not in April.

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Select Board members oppose MBTA overlay district

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich presented to the Select Board during their meeting on Oct. 28 on the proposed multi-family zoning district for the HLC's MBTA communities requirement.

Chair Greg Bendel opened by mentioning that the zoning proposal would be voted upon by residents at the special Town Meeting on Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. at the high school.

Town Manager Eric Slagle invited the board members to provide constructive feedback on the presentation with suggestions for improvement.

Gingrich established in her presentation that the HLC's guidelines apply to 177 MBTA communities requiring a multi-family housing zoning district of reasonable size. She said that the intention is to address

the housing supply, and although it's geared toward market housing, the town is including an affordable housing percentage in the zoning.

"The requirement doesn't require construction, it just creates options for developers," she clarified.

She added that the zone must consist of at least 50 acres in size, half of which falling within one-half mile of a train station, that makes up a unit capacity of 1,248 according to the state's spreadsheet.

"The state's spreadsheet imagines all blank parcels for calculating the unit capacity... that number is not a number that could actually happen," Gingrich said.

She broke down each of the proposed subdistricts on Main Street, West Street, Burlington Avenue, and Deming Way. She then described each property to say which ones were likely to be redeveloped, proposing a

true number of units possible to be more like 189.

Gingrich explained the process used to create the proposed district: eliminating groundwater protection district and flood plain areas, an online survey for resident feedback, an economic feasibility study to justify 15 percent affordable housing, and focusing on areas where multi-family housing already exists.

Kevin Caira asked, if it's just a paper exercise, why they couldn't put Silver Lake in the district. Gingrich explained that it's not that easy; the spreadsheet does account for wetlands to some amount.

Bendel commented that the communities who have complied with the MBTA guideline can't be compared to Wilmington.

Lilia Maselli said that many communities may have complied because it's easy for them to separate their existing multi-family housing build-

ings into a district together. However, she said in Wilmington this would make a big impact.

Gingrich explained that a 40B development can be built in any parcel, in any zone, in any area of town, but this zoning proposal is only for the specific areas outlined.

Gary DePalma asked if the existing multi-family units counted toward the state's 1,248 unit capacity. Slagle explained that the state is looking for acres, but where there are existing units, it'd be unlikely for more multi-family units to be built on the same property.

Gingrich named some potential state grants that may be lost — or future grants that the town wouldn't be eligible for — should the town fall into noncompliance with the HLC guidance. Slagle mentioned that there may be grants from the Department of Elements

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No Place for Hate program at middle school

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Interim Middle School Principal Brian Caira, Assistant Principal Dan Faircloth, and Interim Coordinator of Behavioral Health Erin Dunham presented a new program at the Wilmington Middle School to the School Committee on Oct. 23.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand opened by sharing that they were collectively excited to introduce the "No Place for Hate" program. He acknowledged the challenges at the middle school last year with student

behavior that did not represent the school's values or an inclusive school community.

Faircloth began by explaining that they had embraced the Anti-Defamation League and found the "No Place for Hate" program which they would bring to the middle school. This would involve selecting a group of students to work together with the guidance of dedicated staff. The intention is for the students to lead the program. With this setup, the program would be sustainable for many years.

The group's purpose would be to create a safe,

inclusive, and respectful environment at the middle school by shifting the culture. They would aim to combat bias, bullying and hate; foster a culture of inclusion; and empower students to be upstanders. Among their goals are establishing a strong cultural foundation and creating a sustainable, positive school cultural change.

Faircloth also mentioned that since the challenging behavior last year, the school had not ignored the issues but taken the issues seriously. This was part of why they jumped on board with the ADL to seek

their guidance and experience as they develop and implement the new program. He was proud that they were taking an ambitious approach to improving school culture.

There would be six middle school teachers leading the 20 or so potential students: Kate Lerner, Jaclyn Madden, Amy Lightfoot, Taylor Carolyn Curtis, Shannon Keeley, and Dan Faircloth.

These teachers sent out a survey to gather student interest and met to narrow down the interested students. The final committee would consist

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Wilmington Library News:

Puzzle race on Thursday, November 14

The Library will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Adult Programs

Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 12 p.m.
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! This month's featured cookbook is Cooking in Real Life by Lidey Heuck.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Wellness Wednesdays — Gentle Yoga

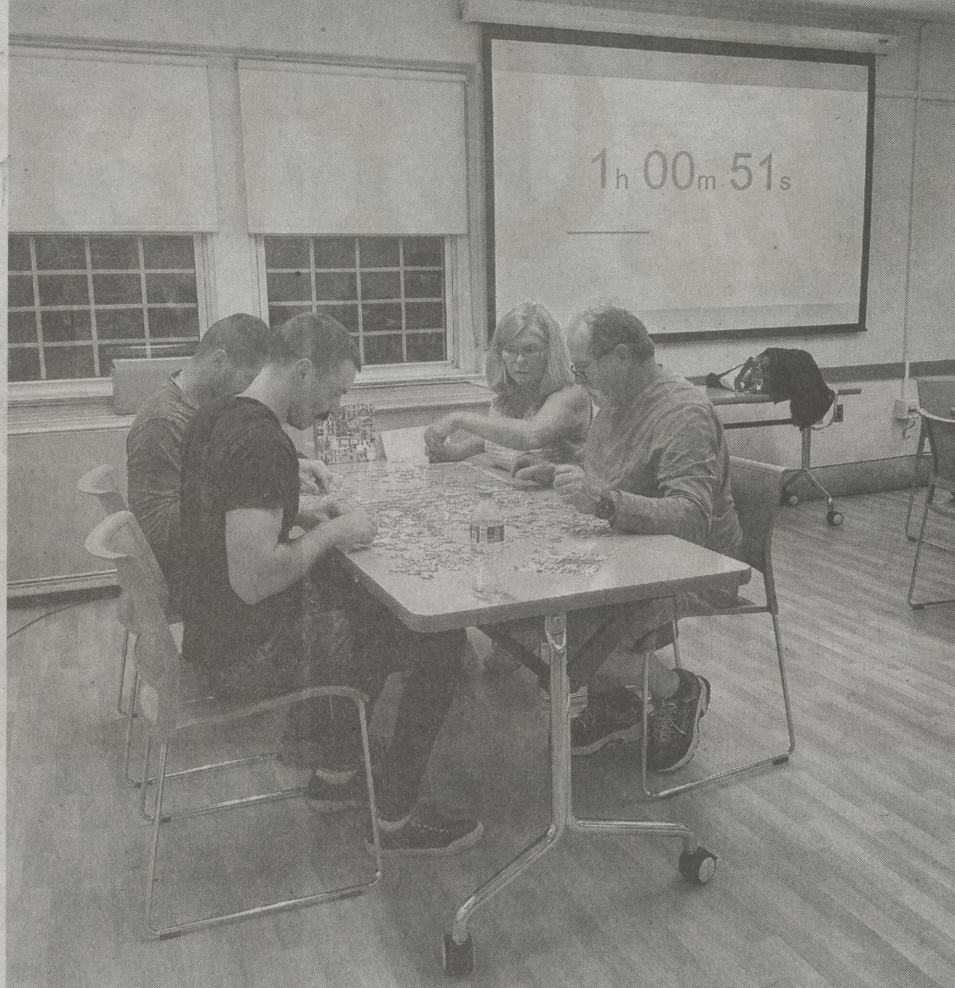
with the Yoga Loft
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 3 p.m.
Feeling frazzled heading into the holiday season? Instructors from the Yoga Loft will help you de-stress on Wednesday afternoons at 3 pm. Join us for gentle yoga with elements of meditation. Please bring your yoga mat.

Craft & Chat (Waitlist Only)

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.
Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. All craft supplies provided. This month's featured craft is Junk Journals!

Puzzle Race!

Thursday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m.
Put your team's puzzling skills to the test as you race to complete a 500 piece puzzle in 90 minutes! The first team to complete a puzzle will take home all the glory (and a prize). Please register all members of your group (up to four people) all together. Whoever registers the group is considered the "Registrant" and we ask that you add all other



▲ Register now for our Puzzle Race on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.! Put your team's puzzling skills to the test as you race to complete a 500 piece puzzle in 90 minutes! The first team to complete a 500 piece puzzle will take home all the glory (and a prize)! (Courtesy photo)

VIRTUAL 2025-2026 FAFSA — Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
The FAFSA is the gateway to need-based financial aid and many external scholarships. Our annual will review how to complete and file the application to learn about financing expectations and how to uncover valuable

financing resources. Tom O'Hare, the founder of Get College Going and a Senior Partner at Pivotal College Years, will walk through the steps students and parents need to take to complete the FAFSA successfully. This is a virtual program; you will receive the Zoom link on the day of the program. Teens and Adults

Needleworkers
Friday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Youth Programs

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Mindful Movement
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m.
Join library pals as we flow through children's yoga poses, calming activities, and books to help us grow in mindfulness and inner peace. Grades K-2

BRAINTREE — The Healey-Driscoll Administration has awarded federal funds to 56 nonprofits that are at heightened risk of an extremist attack as part of the administration's ongoing commitment to protecting the security and rights of all communities in Massachusetts.

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program is funded annually by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and administered in Massachusetts by the Office of Grants and Research (OGR). The program provides funding to implement critical security enhancements at nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. The 67 Massachusetts organizations awarded funds through this year's grant program were selected through a competitive application process and approved by FEMA. The organizations will receive a combined total of \$7,845,293 in federal grant funds.

"These faith-based and community nonprofits play such a critical role in our communities, and we are proud to deliver this funding that will help them implement security measures to keep their residents safe and ensure peace of mind," said Governor Maura Healey. "We're grateful to the Biden-Harris Administration for making this funding available to ensure these organizations can continue to serve those who depend on them, without fear or interruption."

"These nonprofits provide services, solace, support and community for people across Massachusetts. These grants represent our commitment to protecting these critical organizations and ensuring they can provide safe and welcoming spaces for all," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll.

"Protecting our communities means safeguarding the organizations that uplift, support, and inspire us daily. This funding reaffirms our commitment to protecting these essential community spaces, ensuring they remain safe havens where people of all

backgrounds can gather and feel secure," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "Through our partnership with FEMA, we're able to provide critical resources to organizations that are at

the greatest risk of an attack. We hear over and over from nonprofits the impact that these grant funds have had on their organization, staff and members. I'm grateful that we're able to continue pro-

viding support to at risk nonprofits in communities across Massachusetts," said OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton. Recipients of FFY24 Non-profit Security Grant Program funding are:

GRANT	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
2Life Communities	Framingham	\$48,220
Al-Hamra Academy	Shrewsbury	\$87,334
Archbishop Williams High School	Braintree	\$38,300
Boys & Girls Club Family Center	Springfield	\$68,500
Brandeis University	Waltham	\$115,000
Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation	Newton	\$150,000
Cape Cod Blue Economy Foundation	Centerville	\$67,856
Chabad Fenway	Boston	\$122,325
Chabad of Martha's Vineyard	Tisbury	\$143,720
Child Care of the Berkshires, Inc.	North Adams	\$75,600
Chinese Bible Church of Greater Boston_149 Spring Street	Lexington	\$149,678
Chinese Bible Church of Greater Boston_151 Spring Street	Lexington	\$70,612
Congregation B'nai Israel	Northampton	\$73,597
Congregation Shaarei Tefillah	Newton	\$138,008
Congregation Shalom, Inc.	North Chelmsford	\$64,213
Eli and Bessie Cohen Camps of Massachusetts, Inc. (dba Camp Pembroke)	Pembroke	\$150,000
Gann Academy	Waltham	\$150,000
Gateways: Access to Jewish Education	Newton	\$150,000
Grace Chapel	Lexington	\$150,000
Grace Chapel	Watertown	\$150,000
Grace Chapel	Wilmington	\$149,050
Hebrew College	Newton	\$150,000
Hevreh of Southern Berkshire	Great Barrington	\$150,000
Hillel Foundation of Cambridge, Inc. (dba Harvard Hillel)		\$150,000
Islamic Cultural Center of Medford	Cambridge	\$150,000
Islamic Society of Boston	Roxbury	\$149,012
Islamic Society of Boston	Newton	\$149,969
Israeli-American Council	Newton	\$150,000
Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston	Newton	\$54,279
Jewish Community Centre of Sharon (aka Temple Israel of Sharon)		\$86,948
Jewish Community of Amherst		\$53,729
Jewish Family & Children's Service, Inc.	Waltham	\$52,487
Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts, Inc.	Springfield	\$102,844
Jewish Healthcare Center	Worcester	\$149,698
JGS Lifecare	Longmeadow	\$149,437
Lubavitch Foundation of Lexington		\$150,000
Lubavitch of Cambridge Inc.	Somerville	\$150,000
Maimonides School	Brookline	\$102,300
MetroWest Jewish Day School	Framingham	\$92,000
Nantucket Boys & Girls Club		\$107,862
Saint Camillus Parish	Arlington	\$54,848
Saints Vartanantz Armenian Church	Chelmsford	\$20,000
Shalom School Oholei Torah	Brighton	\$150,000
Springfield Jewish Community Center		\$144,002
St Mary's Academy	Longmeadow	\$149,220
St. Agnes Parish	Arlington	\$50,694
St. Aloysius Catholic School	Gilbertville	\$78,069
St. Anthony Shrine	Boston	\$150,000
St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church	Marion	\$148,320
St. John's Episcopal Church	Northampton	\$3,068
St. Mary Parish School	Westfield	\$150,000
St. Thomas the Apostle School	West Springfield	\$150,000
Temple Ahavat Achim	Gloucester	\$38,135
Temple Aliyah	Needham	\$135,000
Temple Beth Avodah	Newton	\$149,950
Temple Beth Shalom of Cambridge	Newton	\$150,000
Temple Emanuel	Newton	\$150,000
Temple Ohabei Shalom	Brookline	\$150,000
Temple Shalom of Newton		\$149,272
Temple Sinai, Brookline		\$137,806
Temple Sinai of Sharon		\$133,180
Temple Sinai of Swampscott and Marblehead	Marblehead	\$99,674
The Cape Cod Synagogue	Hyannis	\$148,500
The Parish of the Epiphany	Winchester	\$149,692
The Satanic Temple	Salem	\$93,285
URJ Eisner Camp	Great Barrington	\$150,000
Worcester Natural History Society (dba EcoTarium)	Worcester	\$150,000
Total		\$7,845,293

Time for Twos

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Baby Time

Thursday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Crafternoon

Thursday, Nov. 14, 3:45 p.m.
Come make a fun craft with us! November's featured craft is DIY Stress Balls! Grades 4-8

Drop-in Storytime

Friday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m.
Join us at our Drop-In Storytimes! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 2-6

Switch it Up!

Video Game Club
Friday, Nov. 15, 3:45 p.m.
Love video games? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

Music and More with Miss Bernadette

Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.
Join Early Childhood Educator Bernadette Baird for singing, dancing, instrument play and storytime in this fun and relaxing family event! Ages 0-4

Pets & People: Therapy Cats

Saturday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m.
Come hang out with the-

rapy cats from Pets & People at WML! Dogs may also be in attendance. Register to receive reminders and let us know you're coming, but feel free to drop by as well! Grades 6-12

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door

The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.


WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmingtonlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Healey-Driscoll Admin. awards \$149K to Grace Chapel in Wilmington to enhance security

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois



DON'T LET A TAX MISTAKE RUIN NEWLYWED BLISS

When people get married their tax situation often changes. A taxpayer's marital status as of Dec. 31 determines their tax filing options for the entire year, but that's not all newlyweds need to know. Here's a tax checklist for newly married couples:

Name and address changes: When a name changes through marriage, it's important to report that change to the Social Security Administration. The name on a person's tax return must match what is on file at the SSA. If it doesn't, it could delay any tax refund. To update information, taxpayers should file Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card. It is available on SSA.gov or at a local SSA office. If marriage means a change of address, the IRS and U.S. Postal Service need to know. To do that, people should complete and send the IRS Form 8822, Change of Address. Taxpayers should also notify the postal service to forward their mail by going online at USPS.com or visiting their local post office.

Withholding: After getting married, couples should consider changing their withholding. Newly married couples must give their employers a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance within 10 days. If both spouses work, they may move into a higher tax bracket or be affected by the additional Medicare tax. They can use the Tax Withholding Estimator on IRS.gov to help complete a new Form W-4. Taxpayers should review Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax, for more information.

Filing status: Married people can choose to file their federal income taxes jointly or separately each year. While filing jointly is usually more beneficial, it's best to figure the tax both ways to find out which makes the most sense. Taxpayers should remember, if a couple is married as of December 31, the law says they're married for the whole year for tax purposes.

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Lifestyle

NOVEMBER IS National Georgia Pecan Month

By **HEATHER BURNS**
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As we turn the page of the calendar to November, our minds quickly shift from Halloween candy to the dinner table in anticipation of the unofficial, championship food consumption competition, also known as Thanksgiving dinner.

The main performer of the Thanksgiving stage is, of course, the turkey, but there are many supporting cast members that add to the success of this great food event.

One small, but important, supporting member of the cast is the pecan.

The pecan is not only known to hold the starring role on the dessert table, but is also a great addition to many main course and appetizer dishes.

Perhaps that is why November is National Georgia Pecan Month.

Pecans are the only tree nut that is truly native to the United States, and almost 80 percent of the world's pecans are grown here in the U.S.A.

According to the Georgia Pecan Commission, Georgia is the nation's top producer of pecans, producing an estimated 100 million pounds of pecans each

year.

Nutritionally speaking, this little nut is a powerhouse of vitamins, minerals and nutrients.

Pecans contain more than 19 vitamins and minerals, including vitamin A, E, B6, folic acid, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, zinc and iron.

Nutrition information provided by WebMD states that a one ounce serving of raw pecans has 196 calories and no cholesterol.

Although nuts are typically thought of as a fatty food, pecans are high in healthy fats, as well as high in fiber and protein. This makes for a healthy snack that will keep you energized and satisfied.

According to a 30-year study done by Harvard University, regular nut eaters were less likely to die of cancer and heart disease.

In fact, pecans are also recognized by the American Heart Association as a good addition to a heart healthy diet.

For those on a gluten free diet, pecans are naturally gluten free and pecan meal can often be used as a substitute for wheat flour in recipes for gluten free diets.

Pecans are sold whole in the shell, or as shelled meats ranging in size from premium halves to pieces.



▲ During National Georgia Pecan month experience the impressive nutritional profile and buttery flavor of the one truly native tree nut grown in the United States. (Heather Burns photo)

Pecans are also sold as oils, spreads, and as ground meal.

On a commercial level, pecans are quickly gaining ground as a common ingredient in many of our favorite commercially made foods, such as breads, crackers, cookies, cake mixes, cheese spreads, butters, health bars, and even adult spirits like beer and vodka.

At home, it is easy to add pecans to your everyday diet.

Of course, pecans are always right at home on the dessert table, offering

its sweet and buttery flavor as a favorite pie filling or a flavorful addition to cakes, frostings, cookies, candies and ice cream.

However, pecans are very versatile, and their appeal spreads much further than to those with a sweet tooth.

Start your day off right with a protein packed punch by adding pecans to pancakes, cereal, oatmeal, yogurt, or even a quinoa breakfast bowl.

For lunchtime, add pecans to your favorite salad recipes, or replace peanut butter with pecan but-

ter for an elevated and sophisticated twist on the PB&J sandwich.

Snack time is a great way to incorporate pecans into your daily routine.

Coat pecans with your favorite spices and enjoy mixed with popcorn or as part of a casual charcuterie board paired with fruits and cheese.

A handful of plain pecans is also a great snack on the go.

Pecans can easily transition to the dinner table with the use of pecan oils and butters for cooking, or try rolling chicken wings

and drumsticks in a mixture of flour and crushed pecans for a tasty twist on traditional fried chicken.

This November, while you start to plan your holiday meals, keep in mind pecans can be much more than a star flavor of your holiday desserts.

Within the confines of the pecan shell lies a nutrition packed player just waiting to be featured at your next weekday meal.

For a list of sweet and savory pecan recipes visit www.tasteofhome.com/collection/sweet-and-savory-pecan-recipes/.

Leave your leaves alone this fall



▲ Current recommendations are to leave your leaves so that insects and microorganisms can thrive. (Paige Impink photo)

By **ROSALYN IMPINK**
News Correspondent

Fall is here, and preparations for colder weather are well underway. As you're finishing up your last weekends of yard work during this beautiful stretch of weather, consider how you want to leave your lawn for the winter.

While it may feel natural to want to rake up every last leaf, there are actually many benefits to leaving a light layer of leaf material on your lawn.

Leaves are critical to New England ecosystems, providing dozens of species with a source of food and nest-building, including birds, turtles, and bugs. Micro-organisms feed on the nutrient-rich leaves and help decomposition.

Frogs and toads, moths, small snakes, and pollinators like bumble bees rely on leaf cover for protection. Horticultural experts suggest that unless

more than 50 percent of your lawn is covered in leaves, the best thing to do is leave them alone, or chop them up in place with a mower so that the natural decomposition process can take place, exposing the leaves to plenty of oxygen.

Leaves are a natural weed inhibitor and can be used to cover your gardens and planting beds over the winter — as they decompose, rich nutrients will return to the soil, including nitrogen, giving next year's plantings an advantage in the new growing season. If you compost at home, leaves make excellent brown materials for your pile; community gardens and compost sites may also seek leaf material for their planting beds.

That said, it's a good idea to remove leaves from water collection areas around the exterior of your house, including gutters and downspouts.

This avoids clogs and issues with ice. Clear leaves from walkways as leaves can be a slipping hazard, especially when wet.

Homeowners will also want to remove leaves from wooden areas, such as porches and outdoor furniture, as they can cause staining and paint damage. And clearing leaves and debris from storm drains will help when the rains come — but don't clog the drains by putting the leaves into the drain. Street drains clogged with debris inhibit the flow of stormwater out to its designated area and increase flood risk.

GBH gardening guru and meteorologist Dave Epstein suggests the type of leaf can make a difference when deciding what to rake up and what to just let be.

"If you have just oak leaves, they'll kind of rattle around. They have a lot of airiness to them.

They're more crispy so they don't mat down the grass. But if you have like maple leaves especially, they can get matted down on the lawn and they can actually damage the grass," according to a 2023 interview.

The process of collecting leaves in bags can be both time-consuming and bad for the environment — bagged leaves that go to landfills are often unable to break down due to a lack of oxygen, which generates methane gas. Lawn mowers, lawn vacuums, and leaf blowers also contribute emissions; in addition, generation of leaf dust and carbon monoxide exhaust can have negative impacts on the respiratory system.

If you do bag your leaves, be sure to use paper lawn bags and not plastic. For yard waste collection information, check your town website for criteria and schedules.



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Upcoming local events

November 7, Dana Farber Mammography Van, 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. visits the Tewksbury Senior Center. To make an appointment for this convenient event or to learn more, please call 617-632-1974

November 9, Friends of the Library Book Donation Drive, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Tewksbury Public Library.

November 11, Veteran's Day Ceremony, Town Common, Tewksbury, 11 a.m.

November 12, Annual Meeting of the Public Health Museum, free virtual program: Pseudoscience and Its Influence on Beliefs - The Tobacco Strategy. 7 p.m., via Zoom. Visit publichealthmuseum.org to register.

November 13, Friends of the Library Dine Out at Kyoto. Dine in or take out all day and mention the Friends of the Library. A portion of your purchase will go to the Friends.

November 13, Tewksbury Garden Club Floral Fantasy Tour - Floral Techniques from Europe and Asia. Hilton Garden Inn, 4 Highwood Drive, Advance Tickets \$30 online Eventbrite, \$35 at the door. Door Prize, Cash Bar, Raffles, Refreshments.

November 14, 4 - 7 p.m., Tewksbury Indoor Community Market, Come visit all of your favorite outdoor market vendors INDOORS at the Senior Center. 30 vendors selling a variety

of items. Contact Community/Economic Development Planner Alex Lowder at 978-640-4370 x 248 or alowder@tewksburyma.gov or Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

October 15 - November 15, Tewksbury Health Department Coat Drive, Drop off new or gently worn adult and children's coats on the lower level of town all. Clean and coats only please.

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. PublicHealthMuseum.org

Alternative House Wishlist for the Holidays - There's No Excuse for Abuse - notebooks, laundry items, art and crafts supplies, new pillows, diapers and wipes, twin sheets, twin comforters. AlternativeHouse.org

Mother and Child Holiday Gathering for Lowell, Tewksbury, Wilmington - Help supply small gifts for young parents and much needed clothing for their babies. Purchase items off our Amazon wishlist to help build ~75 parent bags - a volunteer team of elves will assemble the bags once items have arrived! You can see what items are needed by visiting <https://shorturl.at/sOK9R>

Annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting on Dec. 6

TEWKSBURY - The Town of Tewksbury is pleased to announce that it will host the annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, from 5 - 7 p.m. on the Town Common, 1009 Main St. Join us for this FREE event. It will be a fun, family-friendly night to include:

- Marshmallow roasting

on open fires

- Staging of an ice sculpture donated by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce
- Warm cider, roasted nuts and other festive treats for purchase from What the Fork Catering and Totally Nutz and hot chocolate courtesy of Tewksbury Police Department

BOSTON - Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey today joined Massachusetts fire service leaders asking residents to refrain from any outdoor activity that could cause or contribute to brush and wildland fires.

"As we confront an unprecedented fall fire season, I'm asking all our residents to protect themselves, their neighbors, and their communities by refraining from any outdoor activities that involve open flames, sparks and embers, or other heat sources," said Governor Healey. "I especially want to thank the firefighters who have been battling these fires, very often for days at a time and across the state from their homes and families. We have seen truly remarkable efforts from our fire service. Let's support them by using caution and common sense out there."

"This situation requires all of us to make safe, responsible choices," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "The scope of these fires and the tireless efforts of our fire service underscore the serious risks posed by the current conditions. By taking simple steps - like postponing outdoor fires and using caution with equipment - we can support our firefighters, help prevent further strain on our resources and protect our communities."

"Massachusetts' Statewide Fire Mobilization Plan has been activated more than a dozen times since October 1," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "The Mobilization Plan coordinates the delivery of firefighting resources across Massachusetts to support local departments and mutual aid so that communities aren't overwhelmed by a large-scale or long-term event."

The Department of Fire services has been supporting local and regional firefighters with Incident Support Units, which provide mobile communications, conferencing, and

mapping capabilities; Rehab units, which support firefighter health and safety on the fireground; drones; and utility terrain vehicles.

Local coordinators from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency are in contact with public safety officials experiencing large wildfires and are prepared to support needs as they arise. The Massachusetts Air National Guard has repeatedly mobilized helicopters to conduct water drop operations.

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry is assisting local fire departments with monitoring all active incidents, DCR fire towers are on full alert, and a temporary ban has been implemented on all open flame and charcoal fires at Massachusetts state parks.

Even with coordinated personnel, apparatus, and state agencies lending assistance, however, battling brush and wildland fires is labor-intensive, time-consuming, resource-heavy work. Dead and compromised trees, off-road apparatus, and drought-induced fire behavior all present additional hazards to the firefighters at these scenes.

Citing that ongoing danger to firefighters and residents, the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts yesterday recommended that all local fire chiefs deny any fire-related permit requests and collaborate with local officials to prohibit any recreational fire activity. Fire Chiefs have the authority to prohibit the use of open flames and other ignition sources in hazardous conditions under Section 10.10.2 of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code.

"Given the current and expected weather conditions, the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts' Board of Directors strongly recommends that all our members temporarily deny all fire per-

mit requests and work with municipal officials to impose outdoor fire bans in every city and town in Massachusetts at least through Friday, Nov. 8, 2024," wrote Foxborough Fire Chief Michel Kelleher, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "The number and nature of these incidents pose a grave risk to our personnel and the communities we serve. Beyond the direct hazard posed by an out-of-control wildland fire, every firefighter battling a preventable outdoor fire is a firefighter who cannot respond to an unrelated structure fire, motor vehicle crash, medical call, or other emergency."

As of this week, 87 brush and wildland fires had been reported in the preceding seven days, burning about 483 acres. This tally includes four new fires reported in the previous 24 hours.

Some of the significant fires include:

- Cain Hill (Salem/Lynn): 140 acres, 50% contained
- Middleton Pond (Middleton): 188 acres, 70% contained
- Pappas (Canton): 33 acres, 90% contained
- Wolcott Hill / Blue Hills Reservation (Milton): 4 acres, 70% contained
- Curry 24 (Devens): 100 acres, 99% contained
- Maple Meadow (Wilmington): 10 acres, 70% contained
- Mt. Laurel (Holden): 6 acres, 95% contained
- Traders Way (Salem): 15 acres, 50% contained
- Old Forest Road (North Andover): 5 acres, 50% contained
- Bradway (Monson): 44 acres, 90% contained
- Castle Rock (Saugus): 22 acres, 80% contained
- Pond South (Middleton): 4 acres, 60% contained
- Fitzgerald (Northampton): 55 acres, 85% contained
- Moose Meadow (Montgomery): 60 acres, 20% contained
- Howe (Spencer): 9 acres, 80% contained

With no precipitation, winds of 5 to 10 mph, fresh leaf litter, and direct sunlight on surface fuels, the outdoor fire risk remains very high today - and because about 45% of Massachusetts homes are in or near wooded areas, any of these fires could put people and property in danger. This is a time to exercise extreme caution with any activity involving sparks, flames, or heat sources outside:

Remember that open burning is prohibited statewide through January and in many communities year-round.

Refrain from outdoor cooking and heating. Sparks and embers from chimineas, fire pits, and grills can easily ignite dry vegetation, debris, and overhanging branches.

Use caution with lawnmowers, leaf blowers, all-terrain vehicles, and other power equipment. Hot engines, sparks, and spilled gasoline can ignite dry leaves and grass.

Dispose of ashes from fireplaces and wood stoves in a metal can, douse them with water, and cover them with a tight-fitting lid. These ashes can remain hot enough to ignite combustibles long after the fire goes out: never dump them outdoors or in the trash.

Extinguish smoking materials in a sturdy ashtray with water or sand. Never toss cigarette butts, matches, or other smoking materials over the edge of a balcony, stub them out on stairs or railings, or toss them in dry vegetation or debris.

Motorists may encounter moderate to heavy smoke near some of the bigger fires and should exercise caution in the event of limited visibility. Poor air quality caused by wildfire smoke can also make allergies worse and cause respiratory infections especially for people with heart disease, asthma, and other lung diseases. The Department of Public Health has posted a fact sheet with helpful information.

'The more it burns, the more it will burn'

The November Book Stew episode showcases the new eco-relevant thriller "Arroyo Circle," written by returning Gloucester author JoeAnn Hart.

Set in Boulder, CO, we meet Shelley, an overwhelmed house manager for a hoarder, and Les, a former NOAA cloud scientist who's now an unhoused panhandler, as they fight together to survive a fire, a flood, and the pandemic. It's a stunning read with

vivid, memorable characters.

Please join host Eileen MacDougall and the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Click on the links and enjoy!

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OBITUARIES

Janice R. (Wilkish) Chapman Loved gardening, theatre and dancing

Janice R. (Wilkish) Chapman, age 87, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on Oct. 15, 2024.

Janice was born in Hyannis, on Aug. 15, 1937; she was the cherished daughter of the late Benjamin and Margery (Baker) Wilkish. Janice was raised and educated in Wilmington, where she made many life-long friends. She attended Wilmington Public Schools and was a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1955.

Prior to retiring, Janice worked as an administrative assistant for the Department of Industrial Accidents for many years.

Janice had a love of gardening, theatre, and dancing; she traveled all over meeting new people and seeing new places. Janice enjoyed nothing more than sitting on a beach, taking in the sun, and listening to

the ocean.

She and Ed looked forward to escaping the tough New England winters; they loved being "snow birds" and spent many wonderful winters in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Janice was the beloved companion of Albert "Ed" Crowell of Wilmington, devoted mother of Richard Saxon and his partner Deb of Maine, Ronald Saxon Jr. and his wife Katie of Tennessee, and Eric Saxon of Maine.

Loving grandmother of Derek, Candice, Samantha, Jessica, Isabella, and great-grandmother of Colt, Angus "Gus," Ronald "R.J." Jackson, Johnny, and Fury.

Dear sister of the late Shirley Hadley and her late husband Herbert, special aunt of Sandra and Susan Hadley.

Janice is further survived by many great nieces and great nephews; she was loved dearly by



Ed's children and their families and friends.

At Janice's request all services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Janice's memory may be made to the Perkins School for the Blind, 175 N Beacon Street, Waretown, MA 02472.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Vincenzo B. Licciardi Joined the Air National Guard

Vincenzo B. Licciardi of Wilmington, fondly known as "Vinny," passed away Oct. 29, 2024, at the age of 85 at Lahey Clinic in Burlington with his family by



his side.

Vinny was born July 22, 1939, in Boston. He was the dear son of the late Paolantonio and Antonetta (Cicelli) Licciardi. Vinny was raised in the Jefferies Point area of East Boston and graduated from Boston English High in 1957.

He joined the Air National Guard on Feb. 18, 1957, transferring to the Air Force Reserves until he was honorably discharged on Feb. 17, 1963.

Vinny married the love of his life Dorothea C. (Nocito) Licciardi on June 4, 1961. The two started a family in East Boston, moved to Dorchester and finally settled in Wilmington with their three children. They shared more than 60 years of marriage together.

Vinny began his contracting career with Starline in the 1960's until he started his own business, "Logan Building Enterprise." He kept his own business until they moved to Wilmington in 1978 when he went to work for Lord Baron Apartments.

He was a gifted carpenter and a "Jack of all trades." Not only did he design the houses he built but he also did all the electrical and plumbing work as well.

He designed and built a home of his own when settling in Wilmington, along with a few others for his family and friends.

Vinny was one of those people who could never sit still. When he wasn't working, he could be found puttering around in the yard on one of his "toys" whe-

ther it be his tractor or bobcat or tinkering with a car or truck.

Also talented when it came to repairing cars, Vinny fully restored his father's 1931 Pierce Arrow with the help of his son Michael and cousin Robert Licciardi. His car would go on to be one of his most treasured possessions, winning several awards at the many car meets he attended over the years.

Vinny loved being a papa to his only grandchild Rebecca Kendall. They went on many adventures together and some of their favorite things to do were watching wrestling and going to Pierce Arrow meets to show off his antique car. Vinny and his wife were long time members of the Pierce Arrow Society.

Vinny was a proud member of the Scimitar Lodge of Wilmington for years where he served as an officer before he fell ill. He was also a member of the Aleppo Shrine and a member of the Motor Patrol there. Vinny enjoyed volunteering at Shriners events and could be spotted driving his motor patrol car with the biggest smile on his face in parades.

Vinny loved his community and served as a Conservation Commissioner for almost 20 years, hardly missing any meetings until he finally resigned. He had a passion for preserving the wetlands and protecting the animals inhabiting them.

Vinny was the beloved husband of the late Dorothea C. (Nocito) Licciardi, devoted father of Cheryl and Paul Licciardi of Wilmington, Michael Licciardi of Concord, NH, and loving papa of Rebecca Kendall of Wilmington.



Vinny was the brother of the late Juliette Giangregorio and her late husband Louis Giangregorio, brother of the late Genaro Licciardi and his late wife Lorraine (Fay) Licciardi, brother-in-law of Rosemary Manning of Dorchester and her late husband Francis Manning and brother-in-law of Vincent Nocito of Dorchester.

Vinny is further survived by many wonderful family members and friends.

Family and friends will gather for visiting hours in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Friday, Nov. 8, from 4 - 7 p.m. There will be a Masonic Service at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to gather at the Funeral Home on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main Street, Wilmington, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Memorial donations in Vinny's name may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, 51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114 or Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Robert L. 'Bob' Martin Enlisted in the United States Army

Robert L. "Bob" Martin, age 81, a long-time resident of Wilmington and Florida, passed away on Oct. 31, 2024.

Bob was born in Salem, on Dec. 11, 1942; he was the dear son of the late Ellis and Virginia (Coffin) Martin. Bob was raised and educated in Peabody.

Following graduation, Bob enlisted in the United States Army in January of 1960. He served with Company B 23rd Engineering Battalion overseas in Germany before being honorably discharged in January of 1963 and returned home to his family.

Bob continued his service with the Army Reserves until January of 1966.

Bob married his "sweetheart" Ellen Bavuso in May 16, 1965; the couple moved to Wilmington where they raised two wonderful daughters.

Prior to retiring, Bob worked as a long haul trucker for the Teamsters Union Local #25 in Charles-town for many years. He was also a member of the Wilmington Kiwanis Club for many years and volunteered his time for count-

less fundraisers.

In his spare time, Bob enjoyed getting out of the cold New England winters and head south to Pompano Beach, FL, where he enjoyed the the sun, fun, and hanging with family and friends.

Bob was the beloved husband of the late Ellen (Bavuso) Martin, devoted father of Leann Otis and her husband Chuck of Wilmington and Daneen Petrone and her husband Tony of Tewksbury, he was lovingly known as "Gramps" or "Grandpa" to Marina Hubert and her husband Mitch, Katelyn Otis, Nathan Petrone, Meghan Petrone, and Claire Petrone.

Bob was the special companion of the late Marcia Olson, dear brother of the late Roy Martin and his wife Elaine Martin of Tewksbury and the late Charles Martin, brother-in-law of Barbara and Charlie "Butch" DeStefano of Wilmington, uncle of Anthony Martin, Duane Martin, Charleen and Brian Portorski, and Kristin Tully.

Bob is also survived by his long-time friends Ruthann and John Vanella of



Burlington, as well as many other dear friends.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, Nov. 12 for Visitation from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. with a Service to follow. Interment with Military Honors will take place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380 or on line at info@komen.org.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Silvertones perform at the senior center

TEWKSBURY

Tewksbury's own Silvertones will perform Friday, Nov. 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Tewksbury Senior Center - 175 Chandler St.

Tickets, \$10/person, will be on sale at the

door and doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Listen/dance to the sounds of the Silvertones Waltz, Latin, Jitterbug, Foxtrot, Big Band, Line Dancing and more.

A door prize includes:

free tickets for two to a future Silvertones dance.

Bring your own munchies but soda (\$1) and coffee/tea will be available all evening.

Cake will be served during the second break.

Tewksbury Community Market holds special market on Thursday, Nov. 14

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Community Market is holding four special winter markets on the seconds Thursdays of the month in November (Nov. 14), December (Dec. 12), January (Jan. 9) and February (Feb. 13), from 4 to 7 p.m., inside the large hall at the Tewksbury Senior Center (175 Chandler St.).

Each monthly market features 30 vendors selling food and other products. Each month's vendors will be listed on the Market's website at www.tewksburymarket.com. For regular updates, the Tewksbury Community Market's Facebook (@TewksburyMarket), Twitter/X (@TewksburyMarket), and Instagram (@TewksburyCommunityMarket) accounts.

Vendors to be featured at the market on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m., include many of your favorites from the summer markets:

- Aaronap Cellars (wine)
- Amy's She Shed Creations (signs, glassware, wreaths, handmade items)
- Black Sheep Craft Ice Cream (ice cream)
- Blisspoint Meadery

(mead)

- Cozy Crumb (cookies)
- Demi Doux Soda (low-sugar soda)
- Divya31Gifts (bags, totes)
- Empanada Dada Food Truck (empanadas)
- Farmer Palmer (garlic products)
- Fudge n Stuff (fudge, popcorn)
- F-Word Farm (vinegar)
- Greater Lowell YMCA (info on recreational offerings)
- The Happiest Lamb (knitted hats & other knitted items)
- KC StYleS Accessories (hair bows, earrings and other adorable wearables)
- Kidz Kouture (hair bows, headbands)
- Kiss The Cook (mac & cheese)
- My County Mushrooms (mushrooms)
- Paper Pie (children's books)
- Polish Prince Pierogi (pierogi & other Polish delights)
- R.C. Mulhare: Tales of Wonder and Weirdness (Tewksbury author of horror books)
- Seafood Express (seafood)
- Senior Center Bou-

tique Consignment Shoppe • Senior Center Gift Shop

• Soak It In Artisan Soap (handmade cold & hot process soaps, bath bombs, sugar scrubs)

• Sophie's Apples (gourmet candy apples)

• The Stand: "Shaken not Stirred" (fresh lemonade)

• Tewksbury Honey (honey)

• Tewksbury Public Library (info on library offerings)

• Totally Nutz (pecans, almonds, cashews)

• Whoo(pie) Wagon (whoopie pies, cookies)

The Tewksbury Community Market is organized through the Office of the Community/Economic Development Planner and the library, in cooperation with the Senior Center, Health Department and Town Manager's Office.

Have a question about the market? Contact Community/Economic Development Planner Alex Lowder at 978-640-4370 x 248 or alowder@tewksbury-ma.gov or Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

Healey-Driscoll Adminisration announces grant opportunities for fire safety education

STOW — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that applications are being accepted for \$2 million in grants to support fire and life safety education for children and older adults, the people most vulnerable in the event of a fire at home.

The Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) and Senior SAFE grant programs are administered by the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security and the Department of Fire Services. They send local firefighters to schools, community groups, senior centers, councils on aging, and other venues to teach age-appropriate safety lessons to children under 18 and adults 65 and older.

"The SAFE and Senior SAFE grants are a smart investment in fire protec-

tion, fire prevention, and fire safety for the most vulnerable members of our communities," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "I want to thank Governor Healey, the Executive Office of Public Safety, and the Legislature for supporting these programs, and I encourage every fire department to apply."

The SAFE grant program has contributed to the steepest decline in child fire deaths in Massachusetts history. In 1994, there were more than two dozen child fire fatalities; the SAFE grants were launched the following year and child fire deaths never again reached even half that number. Massachusetts recently went more than two and a half years without losing a child to fire.

The Senior SAFE grants

were created in 2014 to provide education, smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installation, and other services to reduce fire-related fatalities among older adults, who now represent the age group most likely to die in a fire.

Fire departments of every city, town, fire district, and eligible state authority can apply to share in funding for SAFE grants, Senior SAFE grants, or both. Departments must meet certain requirements, including mandatory fire data reporting, to be considered.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity, grant application, and eligibility requirements are available on the Department of Fire Services' website. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Dec. 10, 2024.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **November 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Markow Capital Inc for a Use Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to operate a specialty warehouse for materials needing controlled environment controls and related regulatory monitoring shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 159 Lorum Street, Assessor's Map 22, Lot 74, zoned Industrial I.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
241131 10/31, 11/07/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **November 21, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by David Plunkett on behalf of MCP/Howland Burr LLC for a variance under Section 6.3.A for setbacks, 6.3.11 for relief from the landscape buffer requirement & 5.3.4 for relief from the height restriction of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, & in order to construct a support column for a 45'x14.6' billboard facing interstate 93 as shown on plans filed with this Board

Said property is located at **3 Executive Place, Andover**. Assessor's Map 115, Lot 7 zoned Industrial 1.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
241176 11/7, 14/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **November 20, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.** within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, for a NOI application filed by Robert Zwicker for redevelopment of existing property for use in the outdoor storage and delivery of mulch, stone, loam, firewood and additional landscape supply products within wetland, jurisdictional area.

The property subject to this application is located at **1628 & 1636 SHAWSHEEN ST TEWKSBURY, MA**, Assessor's Map 113-2.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair
241173 11/7/24



LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read:

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Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>

Bids will be opened in the Office of the Town Manager on **Monday, December 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a **BID BOND, CASH, or CERTIFIED CHECK** issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company

qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager
241172 11/07/24

Governor Maura Healey joins fire officials in urging outdoor fire safety

BOSTON — Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey today joined Massachusetts fire service leaders asking residents to refrain from any outdoor activity that could cause or contribute to brush and wildland fires.

"As we confront an unprecedented fall fire season, I'm asking all our residents to protect themselves, their neighbors, and their communities by refraining from any outdoor activities that involve open flames, sparks and embers, or other heat sources," said Governor Healey. "I especially want to thank the firefighters who have been battling these fires, very often for days at a time and across the state from their homes and families. We have seen truly remarkable efforts from our fire service. Let's support them by using caution and common sense out there."

"This situation requires all of us to make safe, responsible choices," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "The scope of these fires and the tireless efforts of our fire service underscore the serious risks posed by the current conditions. By taking simple steps — like postponing outdoor fires and using caution with equipment — we can support our firefighters, help prevent further strain on our resources and protect our communities."

"Massachusetts' State-wide Fire Mobilization Plan has been activated more than a dozen times

since October 1," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "The Mobilization Plan coordinates the delivery of firefighting resources across Massachusetts to support local departments and mutual aid so that communities aren't overwhelmed by a large-scale or long-term event."

The Department of Fire services has been supporting local and regional firefighters with Incident Support Units, which provide mobile communications, conferencing, and mapping capabilities; Rehab units, which support firefighter health and safety on the fireground; drones; and utility terrain vehicles.

Local coordinators from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency are in contact with public safety officials experiencing large wildfires and are prepared to support needs as they arise. The Massachusetts Air National Guard has repeatedly mobilized helicopters to conduct water drop operations.

The Department of Conservation & Recreation's Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry is assisting local fire departments with monitoring all active incidents, DCR fire towers are on full alert, and a temporary ban has been implemented on all open flame and charcoal fires at Massachusetts state parks.

Even with coordinated personnel, apparatus, and state agencies lending assistance, however,

battling brush and wildland fires is labor-intensive, time-consuming, resource-heavy work. Dead and compromised trees, off-road apparatus, and drought-induced fire behavior all present additional hazards to the firefighters at these scenes.

Citing that ongoing danger to firefighters and residents, the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts yesterday recommended that all local fire chiefs deny any fire-related permit requests and collaborate with local officials to prohibit any recreational fire activity. Fire Chiefs have the authority to prohibit the use of open flames and other ignition sources in hazardous conditions under Section 10.10.2 of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code.

"Given the current and expected weather conditions, the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts' Board of Directors strongly recommends that all our members temporarily deny all fire permit requests and work with municipal officials to impose outdoor fire bans in every city and town in Massachusetts at least through Friday, Nov. 8, 2024," wrote Foxborough Fire Chief Michel Kelleher, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "The number and nature of these incidents pose a grave risk to our personnel and the communities we serve. Beyond the direct hazard posed by an out-of-control wildland fire, every firefighter battling a preventable outdoor fire is a firefighter who cannot respond to an unrelated structure fire, motor vehicle crash, medical call, or other emergency."

As of this week, 87 brush and wildland fires had been reported in the preceding seven days, burning about 483 acres. This tally includes four new fires reported in the previous 24 hours.

Some of the significant fires include:

- Cain Hill (Salem/Lynn): 140 acres, 50% contained
- Middleton Pond (Middleton): 188 acres, 70% contained
- Pappas (Canton): 33 acres, 90% contained
- Wolcott Hill / Blue Hills Reservation (Milton): 4 acres, 70% contained
- Curry 24 (Devens): 100 acres, 99% contained
- Maple Meadow (Wilmington): 10 acres, 70% contained
- Mt. Laurel (Holden): 6 acres, 95% contained
- Traders Way (Salem): 15 acres, 50% contained
- Old Forest Road (North

Andover): 5 acres, 50% contained

- Bradway (Monson): 44 acres, 90% contained
- Castle Rock (Saugus): 22 acres, 80% contained
- Pond South (Middleton): 4 acres, 60% contained
- Fitzgerald (Northampton): 55 acres, 85% contained
- Moose Meadow (Montgomery): 60 acres, 20% contained
- Howe (Spencer): 9 acres, 80% contained

With no precipitation, winds of 5 to 10 mph, fresh leaf litter, and direct sunlight on surface fuels, the outdoor fire risk remains very high today — and because about 45% of Massachusetts homes are in or near wooded areas, any of these fires could put people and property in danger. This is a time to exercise extreme caution with any activity involving sparks, flames, or heat sources outside:

Remember that open burning is prohibited statewide through January and in many communities year-round.

Refrain from outdoor cooking and heating. Sparks and embers from chimineas, fire pits, and grills can easily ignite dry vegetation, debris, and overhanging branches.

Use caution with lawnmowers, leaf blowers, all-terrain vehicles, and other power equipment. Hot engines, sparks, and spilled gasoline can ignite dry leaves and grass.

Dispose of ashes from fireplaces and wood stoves in a metal can, douse them with water, and cover them with a tight-fitting lid. These ashes can remain hot enough to ignite combustibles long after the fire goes out: never dump them outdoors or in the trash.

Extinguish smoking materials in a sturdy ashtray with water or sand. Never toss cigarette butts, matches, or other smoking materials over the edge of a balcony, stub them out on stairs or railings, or toss them in dry vegetation or debris.

Motorists may encounter moderate to heavy smoke near some of the bigger fires and should exercise caution in the event of limited visibility. Poor air quality caused by wildfire smoke can also make allergies worse and cause respiratory infections especially for people with heart disease, asthma, and other lung diseases. The Department of Public Health has posted a fact sheet with helpful information.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **November 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Eugenie Sahyouni for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a 2,300 SF residential addition to the existing commercial building shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 485 Main Street, Assessor's Map 22, Lot 90, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
241121 10/31, 11/07/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **November 20, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.** within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, for a NOI application filed by Maureen Herald for construction of a single-family dwelling, porch, deck, driveway, grading and associated utilities within 100' of a bordering vegetative wetland.

The property subject to this application is located at **72 NO BILLERICA RD TEWKSBURY, MA**, Assessor's Map 4-67.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair
241171 11/7/24

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Docket No. MI23P6214EA

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A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Janna Saggese of Billerica MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance

of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, the allowance of a proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2024.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 5, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
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Wilmington High School October Students of the Month

Wilmington High School recognizes the Students of the Month for October. All students were nominated for exemplifying the Learner Mindset, from the WHS Vision of the Graduate, who are inclusive and respectful collaborators who are engaged in academic and extracurricular endeavors that promote social and emotional well-being. The students are: Theo Bryson, Parker Canevari, Emily Burton, Sofia Tentindo, Ciara O'Shea, Julia Moriarty, Abigail Joyce, Addyson Hunt, Paola Rodriguez, Diana Pearson, and Kevin Pruslin.

(Courtesy photo)

Board believes MBTA zoning would have negative impact

MBTA FROM PAGE 1



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**Kevin Hardiman
Director of Public Works**

10/21-11/8/24

tary and Secondary Education impacted.

DePalma stated that he was no longer willing to support this zoning proposal as he felt it was unfair of the state to consider removing school grants.

Caira asked to clarify that no existing funding would be affected for Butters Row or the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street, and Gingrich confirmed that these were safe.

The board members each recognized that Gingrich and the Planning Board had made great efforts to complete this exercise.

Bendel said that he adamantly opposed this zoning proposal as a resident.

"I don't think that it's a good fit for a town like Wilmington... I think that it would have real negative implications, far beyond taking away money that I think we could make

up elsewhere," he said.

Maselli suggested that any running mate for Governor Healey's next re-election could have a great platform.

"We have built so much housing," she reasoned. "We should get credit for it."

She suggested that the state shouldn't punish schools, teachers, and residents by eliminating grant funding. She also expressed concern for a loss of small businesses on Main Street bought out by multi-family housing developers.

Frank West said that while they had minimized the impact of the zoning proposal, he still opposed it. He suggested that residents looking to downsize wouldn't want to move into a \$500,000-600,000 condominium.

He also said it wasn't fair that the town paid taxes to the state but would have the benefits taken away.

Caira asked about the likelihood of MSBA funds being taken away, but Slagle confirmed that he received no indication that they would be

impacted. Representative Dave Robertson clarified that the funding worked differently for MSBA and there would be legal outrage if the governor took it away from noncompliant towns.

Resident Kevin MacDonald pointed out during public comment that the board members didn't provide any alternatives or feedback for the proposed zoning district. He suggested that the special Town Meeting be cancelled as the town's proposal was insufficient in his mind.

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New boutique fitness studio opens in Wilmington

Nancy Culliney recently opened a boutique fitness studio in Wilmington (with a grand opening set for Nov. 16), providing personal training and holistic health for clients of all ages. This fitness and training studio will be solely owned by a woman. Working in the corporate world for over 20 years and being in the fitness industry for 20 years, Culliney has a passion for sharing her knowledge with others who want to get started on a healthy journey or those who want to get back into their fitness journey. She owned a CrossFit for five years and is an ifbb Pro League bodybuilder. This fitness facility is for anyone that does not want to go to a big box gym and who wants a hands on approach to fitness and wellness. She will be offering one on one personal programs designed for clients to achieve goals including feeling healthier and more energetic, assisting in improvement of health and mobility issues, strength in everyday physical activity/functions, gaining muscle, and learning to eat for performance or for losing weight. (Courtesy photos)

Committee supports program, partnership with ADL

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of a proper mix of 6-8th grade students which more heavily focused on 8th grade students. The group would meet between four and nine times throughout the school year. For their activities, the ADL requires them to complete three major school-wide activities as part of the No Place for Hate program. The ADL also offers specific advisory lessons which the school has already embedded into the advisory program and helps to create a stronger more accepting community. School Committee member Nicholas Golden mentioned that this is one of his top interests in involvement on the committee. He commended the group and its design to be driven by the students. Jay Samaha said that it was great to see the level of staff and student interest in participation. He asked about how this program could be incorporated into 4th and 5th grade and continued into the high school. Faircloth replied that he didn't have an answer at the moment, but he said that they would continue

to discuss ideas after they begin. Interim principal Brian Caira said that he wished that this work was being done more proactively as opposed to reactively. Stephen Turner stressed that this work is critically important and the partnership with the ADL is a great way to go about it. He especially appreciated the ADL's pledge which would address many dimensions. He said he looked forward to the student's ideas, engagement, and learning. He also recalled that some 8th grade students had negative reactions last year to learning about the Holocaust. Caira noted that 8th grade is the first exposure to the Holocaust, and that by and large there are positive takeaways. He also said that it's unfortunate what the school had to experience to get to this initiative. Erin Dunham said that she was curious to see how this could align with anti-bullying and social-emotional lessons at the elementary levels as well as the Panorama data. Dr. Jenn Bryson asked about outreach to parents about this program. Caira

mentioned they brought it up at the parent open house. Golden suggested they think about the topic of cell phones as the internet is a place where hatred often lives. David Ragsdale asked what their measures of success would be. Faircloth suggested that students reporting issues could be indicative of success. Caira replied that he'd like to see the sense of belonging grow. Bryson suggested growing the group further and putting information about it on the school district website. She said that parents being aware of the program can provide an opportunity for deep, important conversations at home. Brand added that the program is consistent and aligned with the district's strategic plan and mission to create a collaborative, inclusive, and collective learning environment. "This is our response: to build that culture and values and mission throughout the school district," he said. Chair Jesse Fennelly told the panel that he'd welcome their return perhaps in the spring.



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SMMA aware of board's concerns with project manager

OPM FROM PAGE 1

"I see her costing the town, not helping the town," he said. He went on to say that if the town chose to seek a new OPM, that would be perfectly fine. He also recalled that during the screening process by which SMMA was selected, the employee now assigned as the project lead for Wilmington's MBSA project was not yet in their employment. Bendel added that several individuals from SMMA

who participated in interviews with the WSBC during the OPM screening process were no longer with the firm. He requested that the town manager report back to the board with updates regarding this feedback. Slagle shared that he had a meeting with the project leadership team earlier that day to discuss the performance of SMMA and Dore + Whittier. He acknowledged that they were aware of the concerns of the board members and that he would

keep the board and the WSBC in the loop in terms of any determinations that they make. Caira also asked for clarity on the superintendent's desire to move the WSBC vote on the preferred method of construction. Slagle explained that his impression was that the superintendent wanted to know if the decision had to be made at that time, and the answer was no, but making the decision then would allow them to bring the construction team in early.

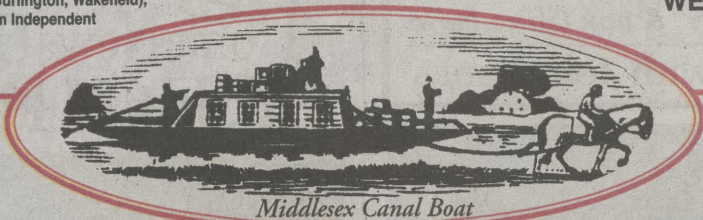
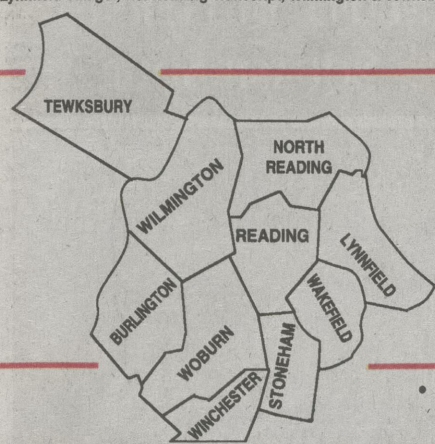
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App-based program will function like a limited rideshare service...

**Town officials
 celebrate
 launch of new
 "Stoneham
 Shuttle" service**

By PATRICK BLAIS

For nearly two decades now, Stoneham's civic and business leaders professed the town's economic and civic vitality would blossom with a few new well-placed mass transit stops.

Thanks to a \$637,000 grant, town officials will finally get the chance to test out that hypothesis starting in early November with the launch of an alternative shuttle service that functions just like a limited rideshare service.

Specifically, late last month, Town Planning and Economic Development Director Erin Wortman appeared before the local Select Board to unveil the "Stoneham Shuttle" launch plans, in which a private vendor will provide on-demand transportation services to residents and town visitors looking to travel between major employment centers and large-scale housing developments, municipal buildings and public parks, and other major attractions like Stone Zoo and Stoneham Theatre.

Under the program, which was set to launch on Nov. 4, service vendor "Circuit" will use two electric transport vehicles - including an eight-seat van and a four-passenger vehicle - to pick up Stonehamites and visitors looking to get to public destination spots across the community.

Those looking to take advantage of the six-days-a-week service must download a "Circuit Transit Stoneham" app onto their phone. And so long as those riders are looking to travel between two of the 18 pre-determined stopping points across town, that travel service should be available within 20 minutes of a request being made.

In a big bonus, Wortman told the Select Board last month, those who take advantage of the app will not only get a ride for free to their destination point, they can also book a ride for up to three other guests.

"It's easier than Uber," bragged the planning director.

"Basically, you'll download the Ride Circuit app, select Stoneham as your location,

and answer a few questions about yourself. Then from there, once your profile is set up, you just select where you want to get picked up and dropped off," she later elaborated.

The \$637,000 grant that is covering the experiment comes from the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) "Community Connections" program, which was specifically established back in 2018 to consider alternative transportation initiatives like shuttle and bike share services. Stoneham plans to provide the shuttle service for the next three years, and the Boston MPO will cover 85 percent of the costs needed for the service in the first year. In year two of the program, the state grant will cover 75 percent of all program costs and in the third year, 65 percent of such expenses will be taken care of thanks to the Boston MPO.

"The thought is we'll seek sponsorships and partners [to pick up the rest of the tab]," said Wortman, explaining that she hopes to connect with major employers and civic organizations to discuss ways to fund the remainder of the program tab this year and into the future.

"We've already been in touch with other municipalities as well, but we really want to focus on Stoneham at first to see what the demand is here. That will really answer the question of whether this service is necessary and whether we should provide it as a community [in the future]," the planning expert added.

The shuttle program launch early next month comes several long years after town officials, at the time lamenting failed efforts to convince the state to bolster its public transportation presence in Stoneham, first suggested that the town and local merchants partner up to launch a private shuttle service.

Specifically, former Stoneham Town Administrator David Ragucci back in 2014 agreed to partner with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) - another

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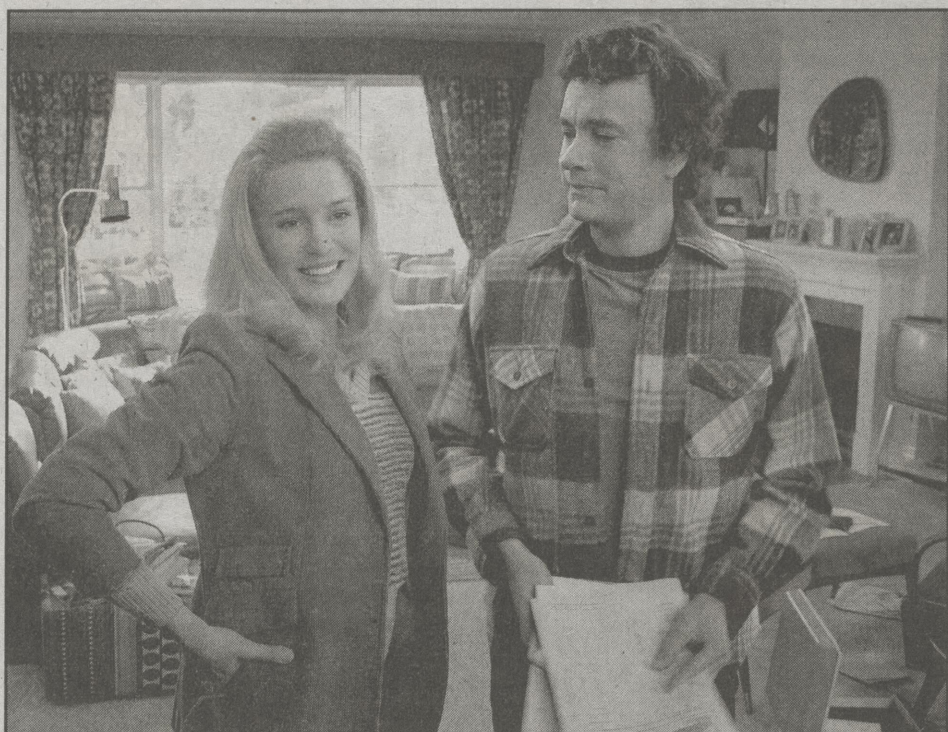
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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

De-aging technology hurts 'Here' with Tom Hanks



HERE AND NOW - Tom Hanks, right, and Robin Wright in a scene from Sony Pictures Entertainment's film "Here".

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

Robert Zemeckis' latest movie is insanely ambitious, starting with the dinosaurs and ending in present day with the Roomba. But it's fixed on just one spot.

"Here" reunites Zemeckis, screenwriter Eric Roth and actors Tom Hanks and Robin Wright, who collaborated on "Forrest Gump." This time, they're not telling the larger-than-life story of a man moving through time — they're telling the centuries-old story of a living room and all the different people who lived there.

In this living room, we see a wedding, a death, a birth, a marriage tested, a

funeral, lots of vacuuming, many birthdays, Christmases and Thanksgivings, some sex, adults getting drunk and Jazzercise.

Zemeckis puts the camera at a fixed angle for the movie's entire 105-minute duration without moving. It's not so strange after a while — so bursting with life is each shot and vignette — but there's a gnawing feeling that we're in some sort of film experiment, like testing an audience on how long they'll watch old security camera footage.

The camera may not move but the eras do, melting back and forth in time from pre-history, to the 1700s, to the 1940s, back to hunter-gatherer times and then the '60s and '70s, before

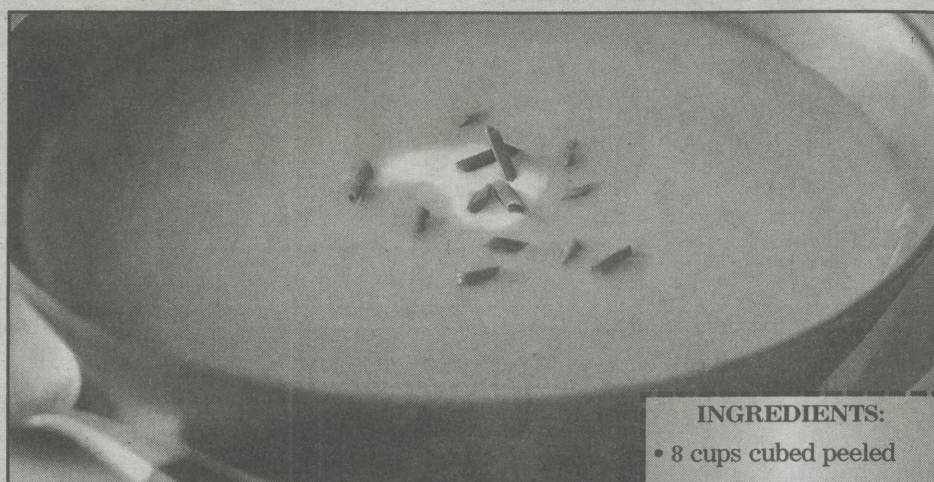
hitting the early 1900s. It begins and ends in 2022.

Hanks and Wright form the movie's spine, as Richard and Margaret. Over dozens of little scenes, we watch him as a boy grow up in the house and fall in love with Margaret, marry, move her in, have a baby and inherit it all. Whether they survive as a couple isn't guaranteed.

Zemeckis is a filmmaker known for incorporating the latest in technology and this time it's de-aging as a visual effect, basically turning 68-year-old Hanks into what he looked like while filming "Splash." It's a lot of work, clumsy often, and Zemeckis has gotten lost in the uncanny valley, trying to tell a very human story about what unites us but by altering the actors so much that the human connection is lost. Look closely and you'll see cigarette smoke go into one character, but never come out.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

SLOW-COOKER MAPLE BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP



START WITH SOUP - Taste the flavors of autumn with squash, apples, maple and spices cooked in a cozy soup. A perfect first course.

STEPS:

1. Spray 4- to 5-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In cooker, mix squash, apple, onion, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Pour broth over vegetable mixture.

2. Cover; cook on Low heat setting 7 to 8 hours (or on High heat setting 3 hours 30 minutes to 4 hours).

3. Pour about 3 cups of the soup mixture into blender. Cover; blend until smooth. Pour into 8-cup measuring cup or heat-proof pitcher. Blend remaining soup mixture in 2 more batches; pour into

measuring cup. Pour pureed soup back into slow cooker. Stir in half-and-half and syrup.

4. If needed, increase heat setting to High; cover and cook about 15 minutes longer or until hot. Top each serving with yogurt; sprinkle with chives.

EXPERT TIPS:

Look for already peeled and cut-up squash in the produce section of your grocery store.

A good, swivel-headed vegetable peeler is the tool of choice to make quick work of peeling the squash.

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 cups cubed peeled seeded butternut squash (about 3 lb)
- 1 large apple, peeled, chopped
- 1 large onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 carton (32 oz) Progresso™ chicken broth (4 cups)
- 1/2 cup half-and-half or milk
- 1/2 cup real maple syrup
- 3/4 cup plain yogurt or sour cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

Other roles include Richard's parents — played brilliantly by Paul Bettany and Kelly Reilly — and some unconnected people: a fun-loving couple living in the home from 1925 to 1944, and a less fun couple in the early 1900s. There's an Indigenous couple in the 1600s

who frolic in the space the living room will take over in 300 years and another family who rides out 2020 in the house amid the pandemic.

If that isn't enough, we have an appearance by Benjamin Franklin. Why Benjamin Franklin? He's connected to the house across the street. What he adds is not entirely clear. The movie could do with fewer Founding Fathers and cutesy touches like hummingbirds.

We watch the living room as a TV is added — the Beatles' performance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" leads to "CHiPs" — and the vehicles outside go from horse to Model Ts to sedans. The home goes from \$3,400 just after World War II to \$1 million today and the fashions go from Victorian heeled boots to teased hair and American flag shirts.

"Here" — based on the graphic novel by Richard McGuire — is best when events at different times are linked — like when a roof starts leaking in one era only to dissolve into a pregnant woman's water breaking in another. Or when there's mention of influenza in 1918 and we later see the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

One theme that is touched on but could have been strengthened is the impact of downsizing and economic disruptions on psyches, with Richard's father in full Willy Loman mode one day, sobbing after

being laid off. "They shrunk me." Deferred dreams are another, but there's not enough time for that if you've got silly visits by Benjamin Franklin. And while it's inclusive to embrace Native Americans, the scenes add little to the narrative.

"Here" fails to connect all these centuries of human experiences, other than to celebrate the human experience in all its messiness, triumph and sadness. In fact, if these walls could talk, most of the characters are happiest away from this living room. Maybe the strongest theme is uttered by one character lamenting: "Time just went."

Zemeckis nicely apes the graphic novel's use of squares within the frame that show a peek at what's going on in different eras — like little time travel devices — and kudos to Jesse Goldsmith for fantastic editing work.

But one visual trick sums up the movie: It's supposed to be the story of a real wood-and-brick house, but it was filmed at Sony's studio complex in Culver City, California. The main character is fake. "Here" is nowhere.

"Here," a Sony Pictures release that premieres Friday in theaters, is rated PG-13 for "thematic material, some suggestive material, brief strong language and smoking." Running time: 105 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.



Reading Municipal Light Department
RELIABLE POWER

LEGAL NOTICE

IFB 2024-10

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30, § 39M, the Reading Municipal Light Department ("RMLD") solicits sealed bids for:

WILMINGTON SUBSTATION CIVIL PROJECT – PHASE I

The work involves site preparation and related work for RMLD's new substation located at 326 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts, as set forth in the specifications and drawings. The work includes but is not limited to:

1. Site preparation for the new substation, including tree removal, grubbing, excavation, backfill, retaining wall installation, drainage and stormwater infiltration system, and grading the substation yard;
2. Testing and inspection services;
3. Installation of the substation perimeter fence and gates;
4. Installation of the new power transformer concrete foundations;
5. Installation of temporary wood timber support pads for the transformers;
6. Crane and rigging services to off-load two transformers and components and accessories (transformers procured separately by RMLD);
7. Relocation of existing utilities (water sewer, drain, gas); and Landscaping.

The contractor is responsible for the provision of all labor, materials, vehicles, equipment, and services for the work.

The work is subject to prevailing wage laws. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 149, §§ 26 -27D inclusive.

Bids must be submitted in duplicate in a sealed envelope marked, "WILMINGTON SUBSTATION CIVIL PROJECT – PHASE I, IFB 2024-10." All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of cash, a bid bond, or a certified check on, or a treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company payable to the "Reading Municipal Light Department" in the amount of five (5) percent of the lump sum bid price. The bid deposit must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope, marked "Bid Deposit."

RMLD will receive sealed bids until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at the RMLD Purchasing Department, 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 01867, ATTN: Maureen Sullivan, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline or without the required bid deposit will not be accepted. No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of ninety (90) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the date of opening bids.

Bid documents, which include the specifications, may be obtained by emailing Maureen Sullivan, at msullivan@rmld.com. Bid documents will be sent by email. Due to the size, civil drawings will be provided by FTP. For questions or further information, please contact Maureen Sullivan at 781-942-6441 or by email.

RMLD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive minor irregularities and informalities, and to take such action as it deems to be in the public interest.

No award shall be final until RMLD executes an agreement signed by a duly authorized representative.



Reading Municipal Light Department
RELIABLE POWER

LEGAL NOTICE

IFB 2024-39

The Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) intends to contract for and extends an invitation to submit sealed bids for:

Janitorial Services

A Pre-Bid meeting and site visit will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at the RMLD, 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 01867. Attendance is mandatory.

The RMLD will receive sealed bids until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 230 Ash Street, Reading, Massachusetts, 01867. Bids will then be opened and unless obviously non-responsive, read aloud publicly in the RMLD Spurr/AV room. Bids received after the time of announced opening will not be accepted.

This IFB is being issued under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B.

Bid documents and bid forms may be obtained via email request to Barbara Mulvey, Operational Assistant, at bmulvey@rmld.com. For questions or further information, please contact Barbara Mulvey at 781-942-6430.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the RMLD for a sum not less than 5% of the total amount of the proposal. In lieu of a check, a bid/proposal bond may be submitted in an amount not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid, unless otherwise stated. The bid/proposal bond must be from a corporate surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, conditioned that the proposer will pay the RMLD, as liquidated damages, the amount specified in the bond unless the proposer enters into a contract in accordance with the proposal. If the proposer fails to enter into the contract or furnish any required bonds, insurance documents, or other required documents within ten (10) days from the date on which the proposer is notified that the proposal has been accepted, the amount of the check or bid/proposal bond shall be forfeited to the RMLD.

RMLD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive deviations and informalities, modify specifications, negotiate price and contract terms, purchase items from multiple vendors, accept any proposal, and otherwise award the contract as RMLD deems to be in its best interest, as determined by RMLD in its sole discretion. RMLD also reserves the right to purchase the equipment from a statewide contract or other procurement options authorized by G.L. c. 30B.

Proposals shall remain valid and binding for sixty (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, following the submission deadline. No agreement shall be valid or binding unless duly executed by RMLD or RMLD issues a purchase order signed by an authorized representative of the RMLD.

RMLD will make reasonable efforts to review and process proposals promptly. However, RMLD shall not be liable for any delays in acting on a proposal.

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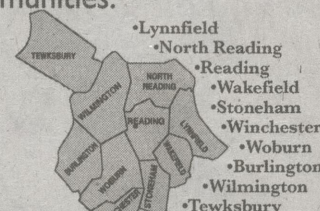
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• Real Estate Transfers •

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225 Middlesex Tpke was sold to Fk Partners Burlington LL by Network Dr Lot 10 Owner for \$722,000 on 10/18/24

81 Mill St was sold to Forsythe, Zulfiya and Forsythe, Ian by Pigott, Carol A for \$735,000 on 10/18/24

17 Prouty Rd was sold to Alessi, Victoria M and Lemay, Gregory M by 17 Prouty Road Rt and Alessi, Carolyn R for \$500,000 on 10/15/24

10 Town Line Rd was sold to Keyser, Valerie L by Petrone, Anthony J for \$861,124 on 10/18/24

67 Villagewood Dr #67 was sold to Messer, Jordan by Wordsworth, Shelley L and Evans, James A for \$879,000 on 10/17/24

NORTH READING

25 Cleek Ct #25 was sold to Koulouris, Dean and Koulouris, Jeannette by Pedi Ft and Pedi, Gary A for \$1,225,000 on 10/18/24

9 Country Club Rd was sold to Sullivan, Patrick K and Annis, Sara by Sullivan, William J and Sullivan, Jeanne K for \$800,000 on 10/17/24

3 Greenbriar Dr #304 was sold to Moore, Tracey A by Mahoney, L S for \$378,500 on 10/15/24

15 Main St #1 was sold to Carter, Kenneth R by Deprizio, Jessica for \$287,500 on 10/17/24

280 Martins Lndg #8402 was sold to Collins, Cheryl A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$499,995 on 10/15/24

50 Mount Vernon St #30 was sold to Masse, Ronald and Masse, Lena by Bagniera, Gail A for \$840,000 on 10/16/24

PEABODY

1100 Salem St #95 was sold to Demers, Carolyn by Borden, Candice for \$410,000 on 10/15/24

READING

64 Berkeley St was sold to Leblanc, Matthew and Leblanc, Meghan by Jd Porter Ft and Porter, David L for \$905,000 on 10/18/24

63 Intervale Ter was sold to Lozano, Aidee M and Aponovich, David by Esther D Diluca T and Diluca, Denise J for \$710,000 on 10/18/24

15 Parkview Rd was sold to Ghasemi Mozaffari RET and Mozaffari, Saeed by Eaton, Robert L and Eaton, Denise M for \$935,000 on 10/16/24

STONEHAM

8 Broadway was sold to Mcfayden, Iain J and Humphrey, Sarah A by 91 Glenn Street LLC for \$1,510,000 on 10/15/24

17 Dewitt Rd was sold to Pacheco, Matthew J and Caldwell, Erin B by Almeida, Kenny D and Almeida, Ana D for \$760,000 on 10/16/24

7 Executive Dr #227 was sold to Godin Ft and Godin, Raymond J by Tower Ft and Tower Jr, Thomas J for \$879,000 on 10/18/24

74 Green St was sold to Bess, Jane by Keller, Preston T and Keller, Maria C for \$785,000 on 10/16/24

7 Hanford Rd was sold to Mariani, Daniel and Mariani, Susan by Mcdonald, Andrew J and Mcdonald, Amanda J for \$910,000 on 10/18/24

100 Ledgewood Dr #319 was sold to 100 Ledgewood 319 Nt and Khalife, Antony by 100 Ledgewood Drive Rt and Pratt Jr, Charles R for \$590,000 on 10/16/24

37 Lee St was sold to Karki, Kanchan and Basnet, Saurav M by Koleas, Effie P and Koleas, George P for \$885,000 on 10/18/24

44 Main St #505 was sold to Bogossian, Piruza by Jgs Porter Ft and Tracy, Susan J for \$390,000 on 10/16/24

TEWKSBURY

245 Apache Way #245 was sold to Hansen, Matthew W and Pignone, Sydney J by Obrien, Maureen A for \$415,000 on 10/18/24

85 Elm Ave was sold to Alves, Douglas P and Alves, Charles by Joseph Jr, William D and Joseph, Theresa M for \$725,000 on 10/18/24

12 Kneeland Rd was sold to Mitchell, James R and Mitchell, Amy L by Smith, Alisa and Smith, Brian for \$580,000 on 10/18/24

611 Main St was sold to Sterling Capital LLC by Demarais Nt and Demarais, Norman C for \$625,000 on 10/17/24

71 Pike St was sold to Hanafin, David J by Taylon, Lynn for \$715,000 on 10/15/24

12 S Elizabeth St was sold to Valente, Nicole and Valente, Carlos by Mackey Ft and Mackey, John R for \$920,000 on 10/17/24

21 S Elizabeth St was sold to Mackey, Barbara C and Mackey, John R by King John R Est and King, Michael R for

\$575,000 on 10/18/24

WAKEFIELD

248 Albion St #233 was sold to Laura M Albano Irt and Olivieri, Jennifer M by Greenberg, Jean for \$575,000 on 10/16/24

27 Bartley St was sold to Liebeskind, Andrew and Hoff, Eleanor by Savage, Theresa C for \$715,000 on 10/15/24

11 Columbia Rd #5 was sold to Perry, Zachary by Tekverk, Daniel G for \$285,000 on 10/16/24

6 Fellsmere Ave was sold to Cella, Marc J and Cella, Marc by 6 Fellsmere Avenue Nt and Crowley, Rose M for \$525,000 on 10/16/24

5 Greenwood Ave was sold to Stock, Laura and Raymond, Timothy by Leblance, Gail M and Croce, Claire M for \$607,000 on 10/15/24

140 Harrison Ave was sold to Bartolini, Matthew and Bartolini, Maria by Jcg Investments LLC for \$1,595,000 on 10/15/24

1 Millbrook Ln #213 was sold to Senior, Charles by Costello, Rosemary for \$196,602 on 10/17/24

7-7A Oak St was sold to Franco-Hernandez, Juan C and Franco, Tina by Ferris, Richard C and Ferris, Linda E for \$710,000 on 10/17/24

410 Salem St #1404 was sold to Morley, Brian and Morley, Renee C by Graham Jr, Chester E and Eastern Bank for \$380,000 on 10/18/24

234 Water St #104 was sold to Peters, Bryan by Pessotti, Melissa for \$500,000 on 10/15/24

WILMINGTON

15 Boutwell St was sold to Cole, Philip by 13 & 15 Boutwell St Cbc for \$1,500,000 on 10/18/24

12 Darby Ln was sold to Farnsworth, David and Farnsworth, Denise by Lily Oak Hill LLC for \$1,370,000 on 10/17/24

Eames St was sold to Wilmington Woburn Industr by Olin Corp for \$3,400,000 on 10/18/24

59 Middlesex Ave was sold to De Almeida, Kenny P and De Almeida, Ana I by Edwards, Ethan J and Edwards, Kelsey L for \$775,000 on 10/17/24

WINCHESTER

3 Cambridge St was sold to Happywife Holdings LLC by Denny-Damon RET and Denney, William S for \$1,049,294 on 10/18/24

25 Englewood Rd was sold to Maupas, Florian and Guo, Alex by Sgc Bldg Solutions LLC for \$1,700,000 on 10/17/24

50 Lake St #1 was sold to Velioglu, Jillian and Velioglu, Dilaver by Pymm Rt and Pymm, Susan M for \$661,000 on 10/15/24

9 Norfolk Rd was sold to 9 Norfolk Road LLC by 9 Norfolk Road T and Ross, Christine L for \$765,306 on 10/15/24

7 Wainwright Rd #94 was sold to Bruno, Raffaele by Joan L Miller 2014 T and Miller, Joan L for \$1,200,000 on 10/16/24

7 Wainwright Rd #97 was sold to Yoon, Youngjin and Lee, Heekyung by William T Sherry Jr T and

Sherry Jr, William T for \$1,225,000 on 10/15/24

57 Winford Way was sold to Tyagi, Ishita and Gupta, Abhay by Monahan, John F and Monahan, Yun Z for \$2,357,000 on 10/18/24

WOBURN

21 Carroll Rd was sold to Boretos, Themistoklis and Boretos, Demetra by Barry Diane M Est and Barry, Shane M for \$768,000 on 10/15/24

19-1/2 Hovey St was sold to Viviani, Julian and Zapelini, Rosinete by Kiu, Ming T for \$560,000 on 10/15/24

9-A John St was sold to Cammarata, Jesse by Carter, Karyn for \$515,000 on 10/17/24

50 Main St was sold to Glazier, Susan by Scharn Daniel H Est and Scharn, Gabrielle A for \$750,000 on 10/17/24

16 Mawn Dr was sold to Dey, Joyoti by Deborah J Woodford RET and Raider, Bruce G for \$1,085,000 on 10/18/24

212 Montvale Ave was sold to Robles, Nicolas and Via, Caroline by Papa, Jean A for \$705,000 on 10/16/24

133 Place Ln #133 was sold to Usman, Irfan M and Arif, Sundus by Lemay, Eric R for \$634,900 on 10/15/24

11 Silvermine Rd was sold to Yelizarov, Vladislav by Mucci Josephine M Est and Mucci, Jeneen for \$700,000 on 10/17/24

17 Sturgis St #3 was sold to Kiley Jr, John F by Trieri, Rosemarie W for \$490,000 on 10/15/24

30 Sturgis St was sold to Odell, James R and Gouarian, Lilia by Zen Td LLC for \$783,000 on 10/16/24

— November 13th at 7:30 pm, in Arlington —

Historic Regent Theatre hosts screening of award-winning film ‘Beautiful Was The Fight’



AMANDA PALMER OF THE DRESDEN DOLLS

Following a highly successful screening at the Omni Theatre in May of 2024, the latest documentary by local filmmaker Dave Habeeb (Methuen, MA) is set to screen at The Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA on November 13th at 7.30pm. The film (Beautiful Was The Fight) will screen as part of the 108 Year Old theatre's Midweek Music Movies and More series and will feature a post-screening appearance by industry luminary Amanda Palmer of The Dresden Dolls.

Speaking about the event, Habeeb said, "I'm pleased to share the news that Lexington's very own Amanda Palmer will be joining us for the upcoming Beautiful Was The Fight film screening." Habeeb was also excited to announce that he has partnered with Women in Film & Video New England (WIFVNE), a local non-profit organization which supports female and underrecognized voices in film and strives for equitable diversity in the entertainment industry.

Beautiful Was The Fight tells the stories of several women in the Boston music scene and their struggles to achieve equality and success while embracing their identities and finding a voice in the community. Speaking about the film, Amanda Palmer was quoted on the film saying "Hallelujah, its high time this story is getting told!" The film, which has been enjoying a festival run in the US, has picked up several awards, including the 2023 Telly Silver Award for Cin-

ematography, Editing, and Documentary Feature (Long Form) and was an Official Selection at IFFBoston 2023.

Palmer is briefly featured in the film and is also coming off two SOLD OUT Dresden Dolls performances at Roadrunner in Boston this past weekend on November 1st and 2nd. She will moderate the post-screening Q&A with Habeeb and several other artists who are also featured in the film. She plans to perform a few songs on her ukulele as a bonus.

Habeeb, alongside his work as a director, has laboured at the Harvard Business School for thirty years, and he is currently tabbed for the role of Creative Director, producing multimedia case studies with his team for the school's faculty. He and his team travel the world documenting stories that have included companies and people such as Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center, Tyra Banks, Burt's Bees, Street Symphony and Youth Orchestra Los Angeles, Success Academy, and many more.

The Regent Theatre, "Arlington's Show Place of Entertainment" since 1916 is located on 7 Medford Street in Arlington, Massachusetts—minutes from Cambridge, Boston, as well as Routes 2 & 95. For tickets and more information about this and other events hosted by the theatre, visit <https://regenttheatre.com> or call 781-646-4849.

• SHUTTLE FROM B-1

quasi-public planning agency that is a member of the Boston MPO - to commission a strategic downtown action plan that explored ways to boost the town's economic vitality.

The following year, MAPC representatives released the results of that six-month study in a 37-page report that included dozens of recommendations for improving Stoneham Square. For example, the strategic action plan advised town officials to consider legislation aimed making the area's zoning and land uses more housing and business-friendly, the imposition of regulations to expand public parking and encourage turnover in those spaces, and initiatives aimed at improving pedestrian, cyclist and public transportation options for visitors and residents.

The proposal also supported citizens' long-stated belief that the MBTA should extend the range of bussing services offered to the community, which currently just has one route, the 132 bus, that heads between Oak Grove in Melrose and Stoneham's Redstone Plaza on Route 28 by the Reading line.

That 2015 report also led to local discussion for the first time around a shuttle service that would provide key east-west connections between MBTA commuter rail connections in Melrose's Highlands area off of Franklin Street and major employers off Montvale Avenue by the Woburn line. Notably, that 2015 recommendation was issued nearly a decade after Boston MPO planners similarly urged the MBTA to establish a regional shuttle service that could be used to connect commuters in Reading, Woburn, and Stoneham to both regional workplaces on Route 28 and along Montvale Avenue and area commuter rail stations with Boston-bound destinations.

Also a result of that 2015 MAPC report, Stoneham with Wortman's assistance also partnered with local merchants to create the non-profit Stoneham Community Development Corporation (CDC), whose members consisted of various merchants, residents and civic groups hoping to implement the report. At the same time, Stoneham's Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC), an off-shoot of the non-profit CDC, was created to focus exclusively on the transportation components of that downtown improvement study.

In the years that ensued, town officials and STAC members enjoyed some limited success in adding a bus stop near Stone Zoo and getting the MBTA to increase 132 bus runs. In the wake of those failures, STAC members in 2019 launched a letter-writing campaign aimed at convincing the MBTA to expand bus services by doing the following:

- Extending the Route 99 bus service, which has one stop by the edge of the Stoneham/Melrose line by the old Boston Regional Medical Center grounds, to continue to the new Mave Apartment complex at Fallon Road near I-93;
- Allowing for additional runs of the 132 bus line, which at the time only frequented

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the community twice during peak morning and evening commuter hours;

- Expanding Melrose's 131 bus route, which heads down Franklin Street near the neighboring city's Highlands area, to include stops at Stoneham High School and to the corner of Franklin and Main Street by the heart of Stoneham Square;
- And the addition of a entirely new bus route that heads in an east-west direction and connects neighborhoods in Stoneham, Wakefield, and Melrose.

In the summer of 2022, town officials briefly celebrated news that the MBTA as part of its "Better Bus" program planned on adding a new "133 Route" that provided the town's proposed public transportation connections between Melrose's Highlands neighborhood and Montvale Avenue by the Woburn line. However, the MBTA ultimately abandoned that proposal.

However, just months before the MBTA announced the possible addition of a "133 bus", new Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan pitched the launch of a private shuttle service to explore the demand for an east-west connection. That proposal ultimately morphed into the current "Stoneham Shuttle" program, which will provide on-demand transportation services to and from the following destinations:

- Redstone Shopping Plaza,
- Stone Zoo,
- Executive Drive/5 Woodland Road,
- Stoneham Public Library,
- Montvale Place,
- Medical Facilities on Montvale Ave (North side of Montvale),
- Medical Facilities on Montvale Ave (South side of Montvale),
- Medical Facilities on northside of Main Street,
- Stonewall Towers,
- Broadway/MacArthur,
- Winchester Hospital Outpatient Center at Unicorn Park,
- Stoneham Arena,
- Central Middle School,
- Stoneham Senior Center,
- Franklin Street at Benjamin Terrace,
- Recreation Park / Stoneham Boys & Girls Club,
- Stop & Shop,
- and Municipal Hub.



Tewksbury Police Log

Two arrested for drug possession, trafficking fentanyl

Monday, October 28

3:39 p.m. - Female made threats about ending her and her family's life at Saunders Building State Hospital. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

4:32 p.m. - Male caused a disturbance by the right side carports at Tewksbury Commons. Police sent. The male had an unregistered car and got agitated because the property manager asked him to remove the vehicle off the property. The property manager and a male party got into an argument. Police spoke to the male party and the property manager and the there was a misunderstanding.

8:52 p.m. - Caller said there was a strange vehicle parked in the front of their house for over 25 minutes at Harnden Way. The vehicle was described as a dark sedan and it was running and occupied. Police sent, but the vehicle was gone on arrival. They spoke with the homeowner. Everything checked out.

11:16 p.m. - Call from an employee for an unruly patron at the bar who was arguing with staff at TJ Callahan's Pub. While talking, the female party left. The bartender stated she headed to her vehicle and appeared to be intoxi-

cated. The female got into a silver Jeep and exited the parking lot taking a right onto Main Street and headed toward Wilmington. Police sent and stopped the vehicle at Shawshen Street. The party checked out and the officer filed a report.

Tuesday, October 29

6:52 a.m. - Caller reported approximately 30 to 40 minutes ago, he was waking up and was making coffee when he saw a blacked out Impala pulling into his driveway next to his truck and backed out. The caller was no longer on scene and had left for work. Police sent. They checked the area with nothing matching the vehicle description. It was an Amazon delivery driver in an unmarked vehicle.

9:56 a.m. - A white male wearing dark jacket, dark pants, and possibly dark hat seen in the woods at Evergreen Road. Police sent. Officer spoke with the male. He was in the woods following the track of a deer.

Wednesday, October 30

4:46 a.m. - An unauthorized vehicle at Atamian Honda. One party got out of the vehicle and got into a gray truck. Both vehicles left. Police sent. They checked the premise with

no sign of the vehicle and nothing out of place.

7:21 p.m. - A 911 caller reported two parties behind Market Basket south in a green Toyota Tundra possibly having sex. Caller left the area. Police sent, but vehicle was gone on arrival.

Thursday, October 31

12:15 a.m. - Call for a noise complaint for Ames Hill Drive apartment. It was sounding like they were dragging things around and were shaking the apartment. Police sent. All was cleared. Nobody came to the door.

6:55 a.m. - Call for a noise complaint for a truck that was parked at Mexico Burrito Grill making too much noise. Police sent. They spoke with drivers of trucks. Engines were off on arrival and they were all done for the day.

11:05 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle that backed up onto a vehicle and then continued to drive over the curb and Circle K. Police sent. Peter Capone, 62, of 20 International Place in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for OUI second offense, second offense of OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, leave scene of

property damage, and possess open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

11:23 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked at Heritage Drive for a few days. Caller reported a possible plate. Police sent. They left a message for the mother and father. Officer spoke to the male student at the high school.

9:19 p.m. - Caller reported what may have been gunshots then vehicles sped out of the cemetery at River Road. Police sent. They spoke to the caller and she stated she may have heard gunshots and seen a couple of suspicious cars an hour ago. No other calls on this and no signs of gunshots found.

Friday, November 1

8:45 a.m. - Caller reported a white male, with black baseball cap, white long sleeve shirt and blue jeans acting odd in the area of Farwood Road. Male party looked down at his phone every time a car drove by. Police sent. They checked the area, but the male was gone on arrival.

9:33 a.m. - Caller reported a male party on a small motorcycle stopping at every mailbox at Chandler Street. Caller couldn't tell if they were putting

stuff in or taking stuff out. Police sent. Male party was dropping off fall clean up pamphlets from a premier landscape.

12:39 p.m. - A 911 caller stated white female, with dark black hair, sunglasses, and wearing dark blue jeans argued with her over a parking spot at A.L. Prime. They confirmed no firearm was brandished but she threatened to get her firearm. Police sent. All units cleared. Verbal argument only. Officer filed a report.

5:33 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a "big lady" stole money at Motel 6. Police sent. James Mensa, 53, of 95 Main St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery over 60, and a warrant for threats to commit crime.

10:47 p.m. - Caller reported a truck with a flag on it driving all over the road at Main Street and Chandler Street. Police sent. Danny Coughlin, 21, of 26 2nd St. in Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, intoxicated licensed carry a firearm, and speeding rate of speed exceeding posted limit.

Saturday, November 2

12:07 p.m. - Female party would like to speak with an officer at the police headquarters in regards to forgery. Police sent and officer filed a report.

2:36 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he saw his friend's stolen bike outside the Market Basket north. It was a greenish black elastic bike. Party

was able to show identifying markers and would be following up with Lowell Police where the original report was taken. Party and his father took possession of the electric bike.

3:23 p.m. - A 911 caller reported white male in his 50s was possibly carrying a gun and he heard four shots fired at The Residences at Tewksbury. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, November 3

2:01 a.m. - A 911 caller at St Mary's Cemetery disconnected twice while waiting for language services. Police sent. Keishla Soto, 34, of Cedar Street in Lowell, was arrested and charged with four counts of assault and battery on police officer, resist arrest, possession class B drugs, ammunition without fid card, and carrying without license firearm. Luis De Jesus, 39, of 490 Hampshire St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI liquor, trafficking in more than ten grams of fentanyl, possess to distribute class D cocaine, trafficking in eighteen grams or more less than 36 grams of cocaine, two offense of dangerous weapon, possession class B drugs, and possess open container of alcohol.

5:10 p.m. - Caller reported motor vehicle accident at Oscar's Piñata's. Police and ambulance sent. Jennifer Stockwell, 38, of 43 Carnation Drive in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and possess class E drugs.



Wilmington Police Log

Local man arrested for assault and battery

Friday, Oct. 25:

7:49 a.m.: A black 2020 Dodge Charger, a black 2023 Ford Bronco, and a white 2012 Chevy Captiva were involved in a motor vehicle accident on the Rt. 62 highway. All cars were able to drive afterwards.

5:11 p.m.: A blue 2008 Toyota Rav4 and a brown 2010 Honda Civic were involved in a motor vehicle accident in front of the Speedway on Main Street.

Saturday, Oct. 26:

1:34 a.m.: Frederick Parra Torres of 745 Broadway St., Apt. #1, in Lowell, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. This followed a stop of his white 2020 Honda Accord on Richmond Street.

11:42 a.m.: Police received a call from the town clerk regarding a violation of voting laws at the polls at town hall on Glen Road. By the time an offi-

cer arrived, the man mentioned by the town clerk had complied with laws regarding wearing clothing with a candidate's name, and had left.

4:17 p.m.: Gia Kathleen Smith of 52 Evelyn Ave., in Malden, was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation and intimidating a witness or police officer, while Krista Joy Bannon of 12 Evelyn Ave., in Malden, was issued a summons for unlawful deactivation or removal of a theft detection device, and a 3rd offense of shoplifting by asportation. This followed a call by Target loss prevention stating they had a shoplifter detained in their office.

Sunday, Oct. 27:

8:05 a.m.: Matthew M Katongole of 117 Ridge Lane, in Waltham, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08%. This followed a caller reporting that they had been the victim of a hit-and-run on the highway, with the other car travel-

ing at a high speed and not stopping after hitting his car, turning into town.

2:10 p.m.: Sharon M Elder of 9 Ella Ave., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for shoplifting over \$250 by asportation. This followed a call by Target loss prevention reporting a suspected shoplifting in progress.

3:54 p.m.: Benjamin Charles McEwen of 3 Ballardvale St., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for assault and assault & battery. This followed a caller on Baland Road reporting that while visiting a friend, a neighbor came outside, punched his vehicle window several times, and punched another resident of his friend's house. The resident and the neighbor were still arguing when police arrived.

4:15 p.m.: Adelle Linnay Murphy of 555 Sagamore Ave., Apt. #8, in Portsmouth, NH, was arrested

for OUI-Liquor over .08% and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a caller reporting a white 2014 Ford Fiesta going offroad and hitting something before pulling onto Deming Way.

6:12 p.m.: Jacqueline Lee Nugent of 88 Glenway Ave., in Peabody was arrested on 5 counts of warrant all others, while Matthew G Citro of 28 Winthrop Rd., Apt. #1, in Chelsea was arrested for intimidating a witness/police officer and a count of warrant all others. This followed loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting an active shoplifter in the store, who was attempting to take security wrap off of a vacuum and had concealed clothing.

Monday, Oct. 28:

10:24 a.m.: A tractor trailer unit hit a light pole on Lowell Street and left. The light pole shattered, affecting another pole nearby, and causing the red light on the Concord Street intersection to not work. Daigle Electric was notified and began working on the damage.

10:42 a.m.: A blue 2018 Toyota Rav4, a white 2022 BMW X5 and a white 2020 Ford Ranger were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Middlesex Avenue. No airbags were de-

ployed, and no injuries were reported.

2:46 p.m.: A caller on Middlesex Avenue reported a company at her house stating she had ordered a servicing to her attic, even though she hadn't. It turned out this was the result of a misunderstanding with a gutter cleaning company, who did have a contract with the woman in question.

Tuesday, Oct. 29:

7:12 a.m.: Received a call from Spectra on Ballardvale Street regarding numerous past alarm activations. The company agreed to speak with the alarm company about the quality of the alarms coming in.

Wednesday, Oct. 30:

11:57 a.m.: A gray 2016 Subaru WRX and a white 2013 Honda Pilot were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Chestnut Street. Airbags were deployed, and police contacted the DPW to clear up slick road conditions after the accident was cleared.

4:22 p.m.: A caller on Concord Street reported that two of his kids' Halloween cards were ripped open and had the money taken.

11:30 p.m.: One unnamed party was put into protective custody. This followed police finding a possible disabled motor vehicle near the woodline on Andover Street, with someone sleeping inside.

Thursday, Oct. 31:

12:20 p.m.: A black 2020 Hyundai Accent and a black 2021 Buick Enclave were involved in a motor vehicle accident on High Street. No airbags were deployed, no injuries were reported, and police assisted with information exchange.

6:26 p.m.: A police officer requested assistance with a possible assault case on Parker Street. Peace was restored, and both parties were sent on their way with no further issues, and neighbors were contacted regarding footage of the incident.

9:22 p.m.: Assisted North Reading police with finding a missing autistic boy, who had left Edgewood Apartments in his parents' vehicle four hours beforehand and whose last cell phone ping was at the Wildwood school. Eventually, the father got in contact with the boy, who stated he was near the Walgreens and would be returning home.

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Sen. Finegold announces first Sue Tucker Award recipient

ANDOVER — On Nov. 4, State Senator Barry R. Finegold (D-Andover) delivered the first Sue Tucker Award for Community Service. The late Senator Tucker was a tremendous advocate for the Merrimack Valley, and the purpose of this award is to celebrate her spirit by identifying leaders who go above and beyond for community service as she did.

"Sen. Tucker's legacy of community service is felt by so many in our community. Sue was tru-

ly a trailblazer, serving the people of the Merrimack Valley. She was an effective, independent and persuasive voice on behalf of children, consumers, individuals with disabilities, seniors, and people experiencing homelessness, and I named this recognition after Sue so that recipients are linked with her inspiring contributions to the community," said Sen. Finegold.

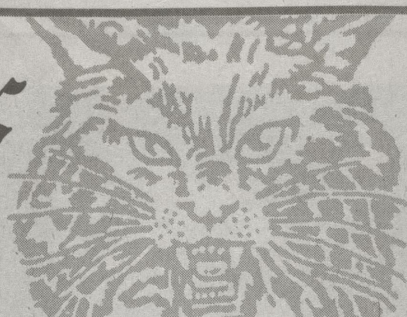
The first recipients of this annual award, selected for their commitment to our community,

are Eric Olson and Mary Beth Ellis, president and VP of Sidney Mae Olson's Rainbow Fund. Commonly known as Sidney's Rainbows, this organization adheres to the values that inspired Senator Tucker's works.

Sidney's Rainbow Fund was created to honor the legacy of Sidney Olson, who was tragically killed in an Andover crosswalk in 2023. Sidney's Rainbows refers to the many friends and family, led by Sidney's parents, Eric Olson and Mary Beth Ellis, who

have organized following her passing to advocate for safe streets and safer vehicles, while encouraging kids to be more active.

"Sidney's Rainbows embodies a spirit of service by giving voices to the vulnerable — just as Sue did. Sidney's parents, Mary Beth and Eric, have become advocates in the face of tragedy, and it is my pleasure to award this organization with the first Sue Tucker Award for Community Service," said Sen. Finegold.



▲ Wilmington cross country runner Addy Hunt (left) leads the pack of runners during a meet against Stoneham High School on September 17, 2024.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Wilmington High Roundup:

Runners shine at Coaches Invitational, football plays Thursday

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The Wilmington High boys and girls cross country teams competed at the Frank Mooney State Coaches Invitational Meet in Wrentham on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The highlight of the day for the Wildcats was freshman Tess Sullivan earning a medal by placing 27th in the Freshman 3k race.

In the girls sophomore 5K race, Niki Douzepis was 60th in 26:05.05.

In the boys sophomore 5k race, Matt Lawler was 36th in 19:22.05 and Cooper O'Shea was 112th in 22:47.7.

Along with Sullivan in the girls freshman 3k race, Erin Botte was 60th in 16:57.66, Summer Aliperta was 62nd in 17:26.96 and Ciara O'Shea was 64th in 19:08.38.

In the boys freshman 3k race, Colby O'Brien was 42nd in 11:49.11, Lucas Madden was 46th in 11:57.31, Tommy Rooft was 55th in 12:21.11, Alex Murphy was 91st in 13:47.64 and Liam Zollner finished 94th in 14:16.31.

In the Junior/Senior Boys 5k race, Conor Burns ended up 154th in 19:46.6 and Nathan Carriere was 204th in 21:20.49.

The top seven runners for each squad will be participating at the Division 2-C State Meet on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Fort Devens.

GIRLS SOCCER OPENED TUESDAY

The Wilmington High

girls soccer team opened play in the Div. 3 state tournament on Tuesday afternoon with a long road trip to Medway.

The 20th seed, the Wildcats ended the regular season with an 8-5-5 overall record after a 4-1 loss to Woburn to conclude the season.

Medway, the 13th seed, was 8-8-2 on the year.

With a win on Tuesday, Wilmington is likely to play fourth-seeded Nipmuc in its next game, most likely on Thursday or Friday.

WHS finished the season strong with a 5-0-2 run in seven games before the Woburn match.

The Wildcats had outscored their opponents 12-1 in those seven contests.

FOOTBALL TO FACE

ARLINGTON CATHOLIC
The Wilmington High football team will resume its season on Thursday at 6 p.m. when it hosts Arlington Catholic.

WHS is coming off of a 47-7 loss to Melrose last week.

It was a difficult regular season for a young Wilmington team that was hampered by injuries.

The Wildcats will have a terrific opportunity to earn their first victory against AC this weekend.

FIELD HOCKEY IMPROVED

The record isn't exactly what the Wilmington High field hockey team was hoping for, but closed out the season with three solid defensive efforts

against quality opponents.

The Wildcats lost 1-0 to Burlington, battled Wakefield to a 0-0 tie and played Melrose to a scoreless draw.

Wilmington lost 2-0 to Wakefield earlier in the year and had the same 0-0 score with Melrose the first time around.

In five contests against Middlesex League Freedom Division opponents, the field hockey team improved its result twice and had similar results three times.

VOLLEYBALL FINISHED WITH THREE WINS

The Wilmington High volleyball team lost to Wakefield, Melrose and Burlington to close out the regular season with a 3-17 overall mark.

Aside from its victories over Watertown twice and Arlington, the Wildcats also had several close mat-

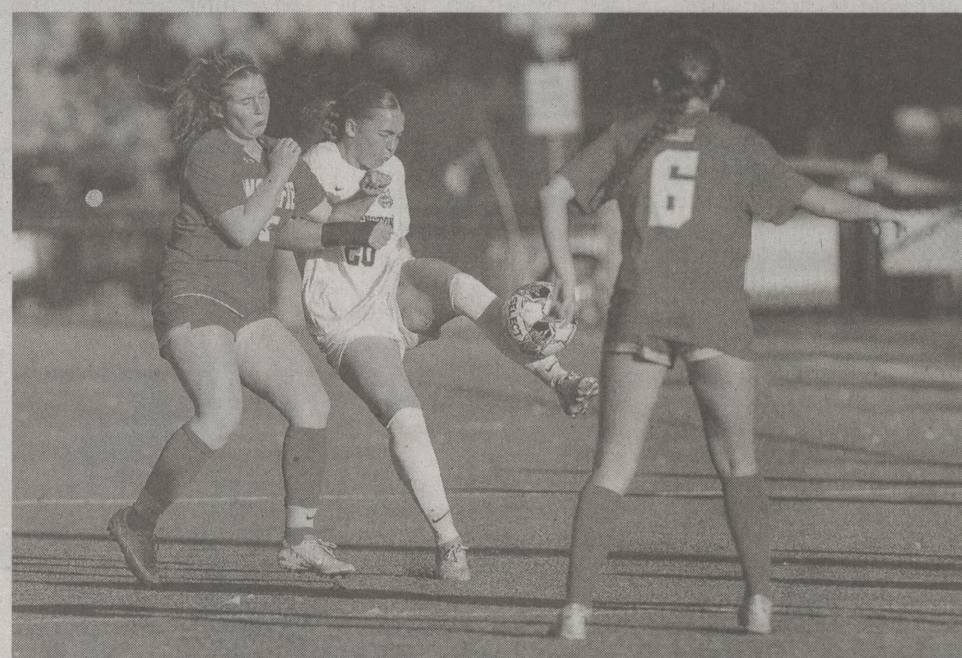


► Wilmington's Colin Allard tries to shake off Ryan Shea of Saugus as he runs for a first down during Friday night's football game in Wilmington.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)



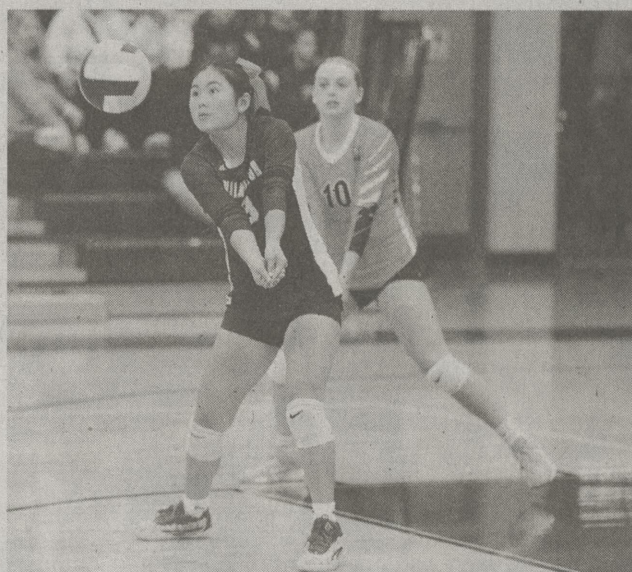
▲ Wilmington cross country runners Jake Cronin (left), Cooper Holleran and Spencer Bagtaz run in a meet against Stoneham High School on September 17, 2024.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Wilmington forward Alison McElligott (20) kicks the ball away from Nora Fitzgerald (5) of Wakefield during Wednesday's soccer game at Mullen Field. Wilmington netted a 3-0 victory over Wakefield.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

ches including 3-2 losses to Bedford and Stoneham on two different occasions.

Wilmington also dropped 3-1 decisions to Belmont and North Reading.



▲ Katherine Hao of Wilmington bumps the ball over the net during Wednesday's volleyball game against Bedford High School.

◀ Samantha Gal (left) of Winchester moves the ball down the field as Keira Warford (7) of Wilmington defends during a varsity field hockey game at Wilmington High School on September 4, 2024.
(Credit Images: James Thomas)

Jake Banda picks up some yardage during Shawsheen's win on Friday.
(Doug Hastings photo)



Ram football finishes the job

Shawsheen blasts Northeast to win CAC title

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The Shawsheen Tech football team put the finishing touches on its perfect Commonwealth Athletic Conference season on Friday, blowing out Northeast Regional by a 34-8 score in a game played at Northeast in Wakefield.

The Rams scored on their first three drives to put this one away early.

Shawsheen opens play in the Div. 5 state tournament on Friday night at home against Gloucester at 7 p.m.

With a win, the Rams would advance to the quarterfinals against either eighth-seeded Newburyport or No. 9 seed Bishop Stang. A possible collision course with fourth-seeded Old Rochester Regional or fifth-seeded Bishop Fenwick would be next.

Against Northeast, Shawsheen took the opening possession 75 yards in only three plays, scoring when senior quarterback Sid Tildsley hit junior wideout Dyllon Pratt with a 55-yard touchdown pass. Pratt sprinted down the left sideline and made a terrific catch on the way to the end zone.

The Knights actually picked up a first down on their first drive, but the Ram defense forced a punt moments later when James Tildsley stopped Northeast quarterback Mike Fronduto for a 5-yard loss on third-and-five.

Shawsheen needed only eight plays to take a 13-0 lead.

Tildsley completed four straight passes, two to Pratt, one to senior Zack

Timmons and one to senior Brayton Carbone for 20 yards to set up first-and-goal from the seven. The pass to Carbone came as Tildsley was being pulled to the ground by Knight linebacker Adan Caraballo.

Timmons eventually scored on a 1-yard run with 2:58 left in the opening quarter.

Senior Jack Finn missed the extra point, but Shawsheen still led 13-0.

After another punt by the Knights, the Rams scored again.

A 10-yard run by Timmons and a 26-yard reception by Pratt helped set up the touchdown. Northeast also had a critical personal-foul penalty on a third-and-goal from the 19-yard line.

A 3-yard touchdown pass to Carbone followed moments later.

In the second half, Eric Banda and Tildsley had third-quarter touchdown runs before the Knights added a fourth-quarter score with the clock running.

Tildsley was 10 for 17 passing for 174 yards and two touchdowns.

Pratt led the receivers with five catches for 109 yards.

Shawsheen's defense limited Northeast to 126 total yards.

That Ram defense has allowed 54 points all season long and just 34 points after a season-opening 35-20 win against Bedford.

In its last seven games, Shawsheen has two shutouts and hasn't allowed more than one touchdown. In its last two blowout wins, Ram opponents had touchdowns with the clock in running time.



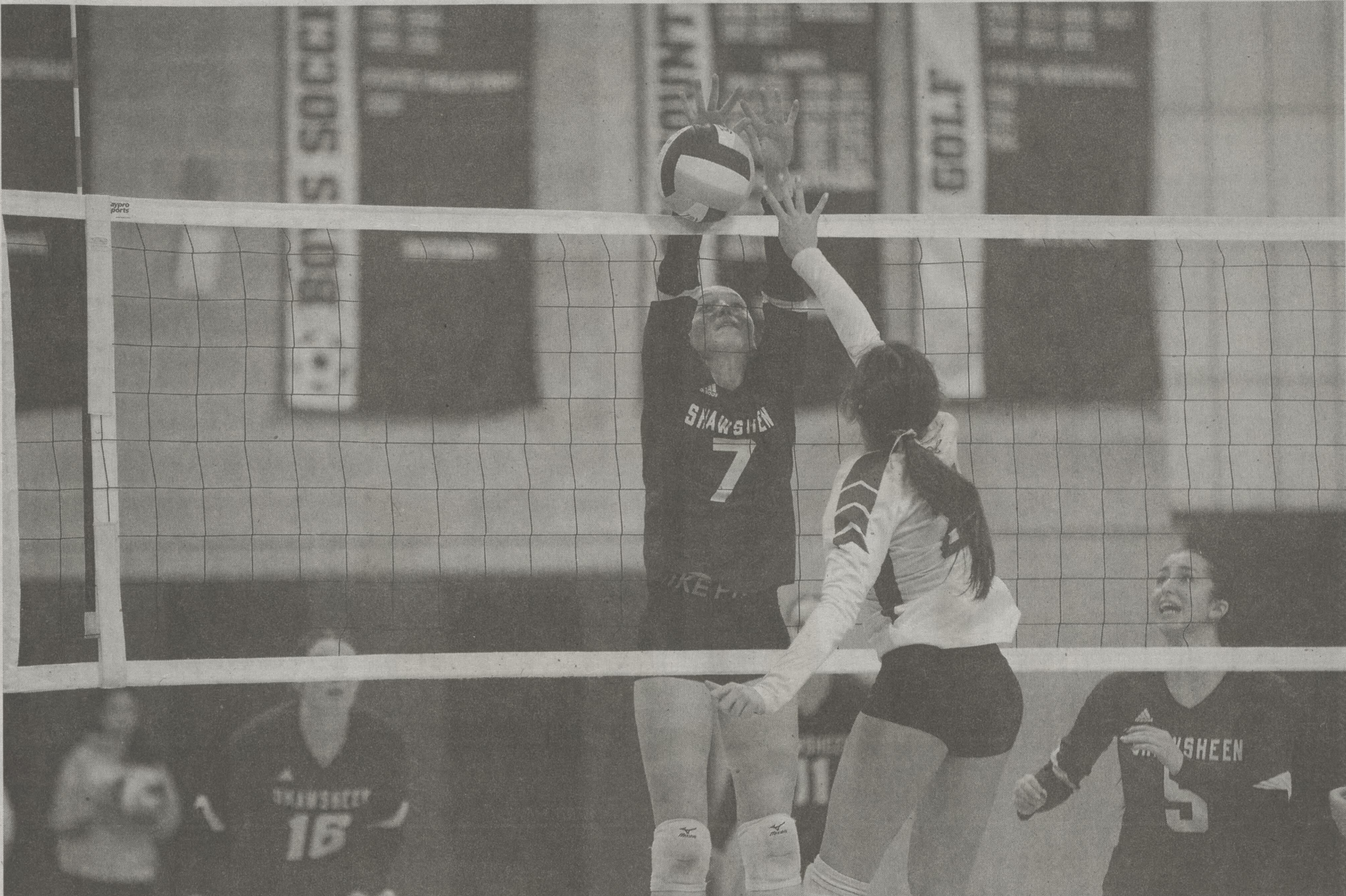
▲ Cullen Walsh leaps to tackle the Northeast runner on Friday.

(Doug Hastings photo)



▲ Dyllon Pratt makes a touchdown catch against Northeast.

(Doug Hastings photo)



Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Ram volleyball wins playoff thriller

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The Shawsheen Tech volleyball team started play in the Div. 3 tournament with a thrilling 3-2 win against Pembroke on Saturday.

The victory improved the Rams to 23-0 overall and advanced Shawsheen to the next round of the playoffs against Old Rochester Regional of Mattapoiset on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Against Pembroke, Shawsheen was down 2-0 before rallying to win by scores of 18-25, 21-25, 25-20, 25-20 and 15-12.

Frankie Reardon had a huge night with 19 kills, six aces and 20 serve returns.

Izzy DiSalvo came up big with 15 digs and 26 service returns.

Also sparking the Ram offense was Faith Martin (10 kills) and Fiona Rexford (9 kills).

Carly Monteiro contributed some terrific defense with nine digs.

BOYS SOCCER OUSTED BY FALMOUTH

The Shawsheen Tech boys soccer team suffered a 3-1 loss to Falmouth in the opening round of the Div. 3 state tournament on Saturday.

Falmouth led only 2-1 before scoring its third goal with just two seconds



▲ Jack Bourque (2) of Shawsheen Tech battles Groton Dunstable's Chris Ogden for possession of the ball during a varsity soccer game Thursday afternoon in Billerica. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

remaining in the match.

Scoring for Shawsheen was senior Jack Bourque with an assist to sophomore Moris Lopez. Playing well for Shawsheen were senior Ethan Melanson, senior Jayden Perez, senior Layne Coutu, senior Shaun Duhamel and senior Jayson Dube.

Shawsheen ended the

season with a 9-8-2 overall record.

The Rams were 4-6-1 midway through the season before finishing strong and going 5-1-1 down the stretch.

GIRLS SOCCER FALLS IN PLAYOFFS

The Shawsheen Tech girls soccer team didn't

just qualify for the state tournament with its terrific finish to the regular season, it reached two of them.

The Rams were 2-6 overall before a 6-0-1 stretch qualified the girls for the playoffs.

Shawsheen lost its regular-season finale against Dracut and then dropped its semifinal match in the

state vocational tournament against Bay Path.

The Rams lost 2-0 to Bay Path and Sunday fell in the opening round of the Div. 3 state tournament at Dedham, 6-0.

Shawsheen is graduating

five seniors including Judith Sloman, Kendra Minghella, Skylar Driscoll, Kailyn Harless, and four-year goalie Sydney Mac Pherson.

Shawsheen's final record was 8-10-1.

▲ Shawsheen Tech's Maura Krueger (7) blocks a shot at the net from Be a Seeger (11) of Norfolk during Monday's volleyball game in Billerica. Shawsheen secured a 3-0 victory against Norfolk, wrapping up their season undefeated at 20-0. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Maddison Robitaille (5) of Shawsheen Tech puts the ball over the net during Monday's volleyball game in Billerica. Shawsheen secured a 3-0 victory against Norfolk, wrapping up their season undefeated at 20-0. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲► The Shawsheen girls soccer team wrapped up a solid season that saw the Rams qualify for both the vocational state tournament and the MIAA Div. 3 tourney. (Joe Brown photos)





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